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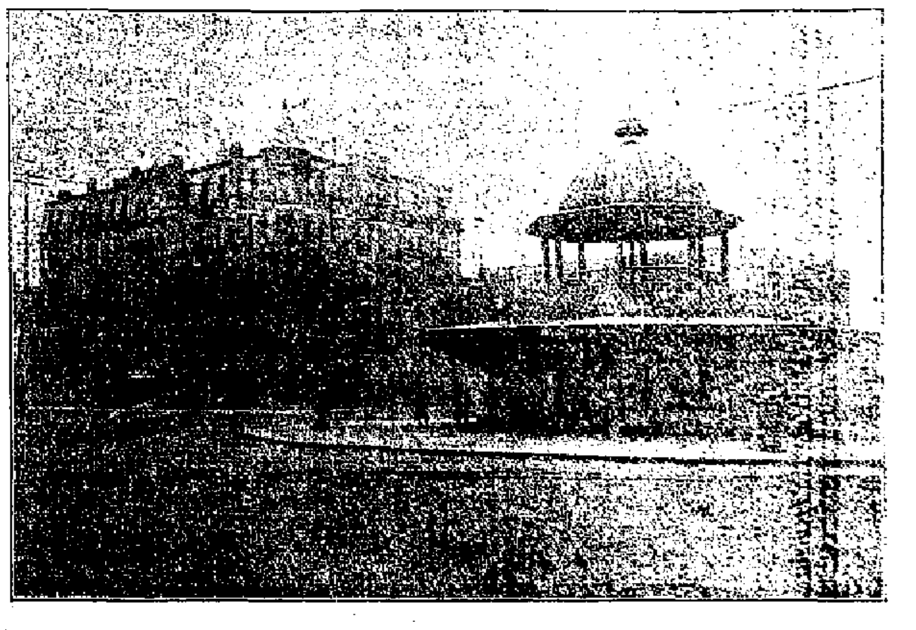
THE ILLINOIS CLAY WORKERS' ASSOCIATION

Twentieth Annual Convention of the State Association Brick And Tile Manufacturers.

TEXT OF THE ADDRESSES BY TAYLOR AND PURINGTON.

The Mayor Gives the 100 Delegates the Freedom of Decatur, and the President Outlines the Progress of Paving Interests—Banquet To-Night at the St Nicholas—Meeting at the Court House—Personal.



ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL—HEADQUARTERS. STREET RAILWAY TRANSFER STATION.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

The annual convention of the Illinois Clay Workers' association is in session in this city today. There are about 60 men in attendance from different parts of the state and more are expected this evening. The sessions are held in the circuit court room at the court house, and the St. Nicholas hotel is the headquarters.

The convention was called to order this morning by the president, W. S. Purington of Galesburg. O. C. Stoll of Grant Park is secretary. The members were enrolled and the members reported the condition of their business which in most every case was favorable. The convention sent a telegram to the E. W. Bach, one of the members who was to read a paper this afternoon. Mr. Bach met with an accident and was unable to come and the regrets of the convention was expressed in the telegram.

The Enrollment.

The following are the names of the members of the association and firms represented at the convention:

Thomas Trainor, West Chicago.
Maurer Bros., Campus.
Frost Mfg. C., Galesburg.
William Hammerschmidt, Lombard.
W. S. Purington, Galesburg.
H. F. Townsend, Avon.
J. C. Chemans, Anderson, Ind.
William Stare, Mendota.
F. A. Randall & Co., Indianapolis.
A. R. Batley, Bucyrus.
D. V. Purington, Chicago.
A. C. Solfisburg, Aurora.
A. L. Solfisburg, Aurora.
L. H. Lambert, St. Mary's.
J. M. Powell, Orestes, Ind.
C. C. Barr, Streator.
Clark & Pickard, Minonk.
D. E. Kretzinger, Egan.
F. Plumb, Streator.
John Keons, Belleville.
Oliver Tillbury, Tawanda.
B. McShane, Lostant.
W. A. Endaly, Cincinnati, Ohio.
H. M. Baldridge, Illiopolis.
H. Brewer & Co., Tecumseh, Mich.
Elder & Dunlap, Bloomington.
Chicago Brick Machinery Co., Chicago.
F. E. Swift, Washington, Iowa.
O. C. Stoll, Grant Park.
H. C. Patton, Flanagan.
Wallace Mfg. Co., Frankfort, Indiana.
Maroa Brick and Tile Co., Maroa.
Leader Mfg. Co., Decatur.
D. O. Loy, Atkinson.
The Clay Record, Chicago.
S. A. Tuttle, Decatur.
J. C. Ammann, Decatur.
T. Lincoln, Colfax.
L. C. Farman, Pawnee.
D. M. Huddleston, Stewartson.
E. M. Pike, Chenoa.
J. J. W. Billingsley, Indianapolis.
J. F. Martin, Arthur.
C. M. Walker, Adrian, Mich.
M. J. Lee, Crawfordsville, Ind.
J. D. Jansen, Pekin.
D. W. Stookey, Cedar Rapids, Mich.
Mattes Brick Co., Decatur.
Decatur Brick and Tile Co., Decatur.

Mayor's Address.

The afternoon session opened at 1:30 o'clock. Mayor Taylor made an address of welcome to the convention, speaking as follows:

"Mr. President and Members of the Illinois Clay Workers' Association:—It affords me great pleasure to meet you this afternoon on the occasion of your 20th annual convention, and in the name of the people of Decatur I extend to you a sincere and cordial welcome to our city.

"We are glad to have with us the representatives of this great association of manufacturers, and trust that your stay in this city will be pleasant, profitable and enjoyable to all.

"This country has been passing through a pretty severe seige during the last three years, and I know the brick makers have felt the depression in common with all other business men. In our own city we have felt the depression, but I think it has not affected us as much as it has many other cities in this country.

"The city of Decatur has a splendid location and we look forward to a brilliant future. I would like to have you, during your short stay among us, look around the city as much as possible, and gain for yourselves a knowledge of its many attractions.

"Decatur was among the first cities to commence the improvement of their streets by paving them with brick. Make your foundation right, cover it with good brick, and, in my opinion, it is as good as, if not better, than any other pavement on earth today.

"I know that you will be hospitably entertained by your brethren in this city, and that you have taken no chances in committing yourselves to their hands for a few days.

"Again I extend to you a most cordial welcome to our city, and trust that you will find it so pleasant that you will be glad to come to us again, which I most heartily invite you to do at as early an opportunity as possible."

President's Address.

The president of the association, W. S. Purington of Galesburg, delivered his annual address. Mr. Purington is vice president and general manager of the Purington Paving Brick Company of Galesburg. He spoke as follows:

"Gentlemen of the Convention:—Twenty years have elapsed since this association was organized, and may there be as great advances in the next score of years as there has been in the past—not only in the numbers of our membership, but in the advancement of our trade.

"It is wonderful what giant strides have been made in the last 20 years. Dry-pressed brick were just commencing to come before the public, but were hardly considered good enough to put on the outside of a building. Terra Cotta, that most beautiful of clay products, was hardly known, although strictly speaking terra cotta is applicable to all clay products, but what I have reference to is such elaborate works of art as our friend Gates produces. Paving brick during this time has come forward to fill a long felt want as a paving material, and changes have taken place in all lines of our trade, and what wonderful changes will take place in the next score of years none of us can foretell.

"Each year brings new demands upon us in building material—new shapes and colors. Some are resurrected from a time more than 20 years ago. The old has become new again. We used to sleep with one eye open to watch for drops of rain, when we left our brick out, exposed to storm and rain. Now the trade in some localities demands that they be pox-marked with rain drops.

"Where a few years ago we (or I should say the public) were satisfied with almost any form of clay for paving purposes that was vitrified, now they must equal the finest of pressed brick, and each year sees the demand for a larger size increase, and [illegible] doors, but I think they make a mistake in demanding a brick that will weigh over seven pounds.

"One year ago your president in his annual address told you that we had passed through a very trying year. I cannot say this today, for while we cannot say that we have had as good a year as many in the past, I think we are all willing to acknowledge that we are now well advanced on the road to better times—better than we have had for many years. We feel a good deal as I once felt after lying on my back for some four weeks with typhoid fever. I will never forget my first day out. Everything looked different, the trees never looked so lovely, the grass so green, the air so pure. Well, we have all had typhoid, or worse, but we are now well and everything looks different—more promising. We cannot say, however, but what the past few years have had their advantages. It has taught us to [illegible] has compelled us to manufacture better than ever before, it has sharpened our perception as to the wants of the trade. It has also taught us economy.

"Among other things it has taught us that owing to the small demand contractors have figured with so small a profit, or with no profit at all, that when the day of reckoning came they asked us to make up part of the losses they sustained. Of course they did not ask us in just that way, but it amounts to the same thing. They were short so much material, there was so much rejection, etc. We would all have thought more of them had they asked us for a donation. Material men were in the same straits. The profit on their material was figured so close that the rejection of one brick would turn the profit on the wrong side of the ledger. Who is the gainer by these low prices? Neither the material man nor the contractor. Neither is the owner, be he individual or corporation, for it will be a cheap job from start to finish. Demand is one thing that will help us to avoid this, or we must form some sort of a combination that will insure us against such ruinous competition as we have had the past few years. We know trusts are illegal, but I quote from one of our leading magazines:

'In the interest of economy, in the interest of the great body of consumers, trusts have become necessary. A further step must be taken in the direction of concentration and consolidation. The gigantic combination is to the ordinary corporation what in former days the latter was to the partnership.' I believe this to be true. All contract work should be done better if done by respectable parties, but so long as competition is as great as it has been the past few years, any one can buy material and do a large job and get his capital from the material men, but as I see we have a paper on this subject, I will not exhaust it. We wish to live and let live. For a few years past we have changed this to die and let die.

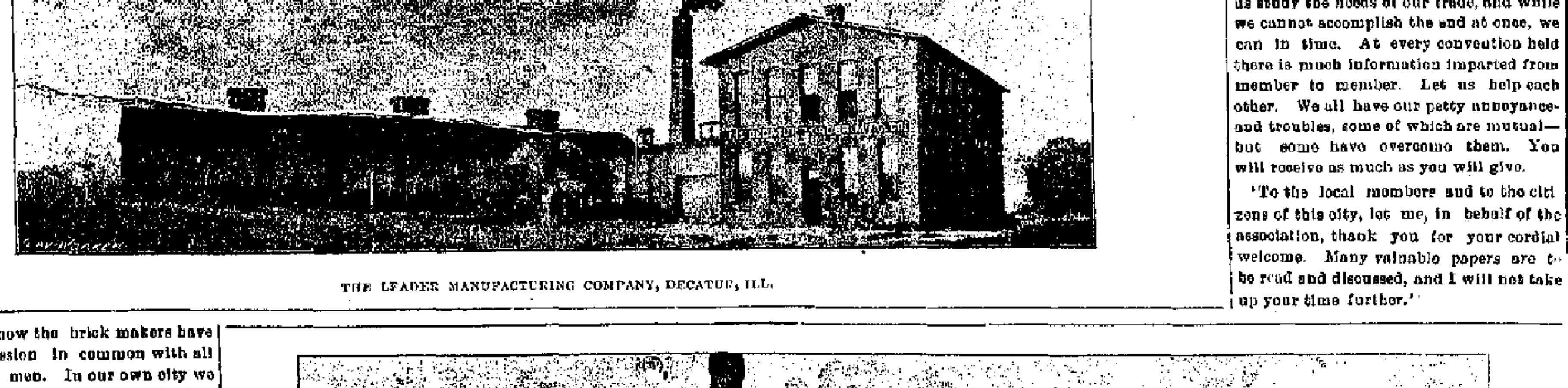
"I do not know how it is with the rest of you, but the times for attending the state and national conventions are the most pleasant times of the year for me. We come closer to each other, and when we all meet in competition we shall have a feeling akin to brothers, and not that feeling we would otherwise have were we to meet for the first time on the field of battle. We have all met on the field of battle in the past few years and fought some bloodless fights, and we did not all come out victors. Many times the defeated made the most money. I believe times of peace are now at hand, and there will be no cause to cut and slash.

"I believe the Illinois Clay Workers' association is destined to be a power, and we shall show to the state what the National Brick Manufacturers' association has shown to the nation—that they are a power. Nothing done by the national association has been as useful as the work performed by the paving brick committee appointed a few years ago. It has established a uniform series of tests that are destined to be adopted by every city in the union, and too much credit cannot be given to Prof. Edward Orton of Columbus University, who through his untiring efforts has been enabled to convince the most skeptical engineer that the tests advised were the only fair ones.

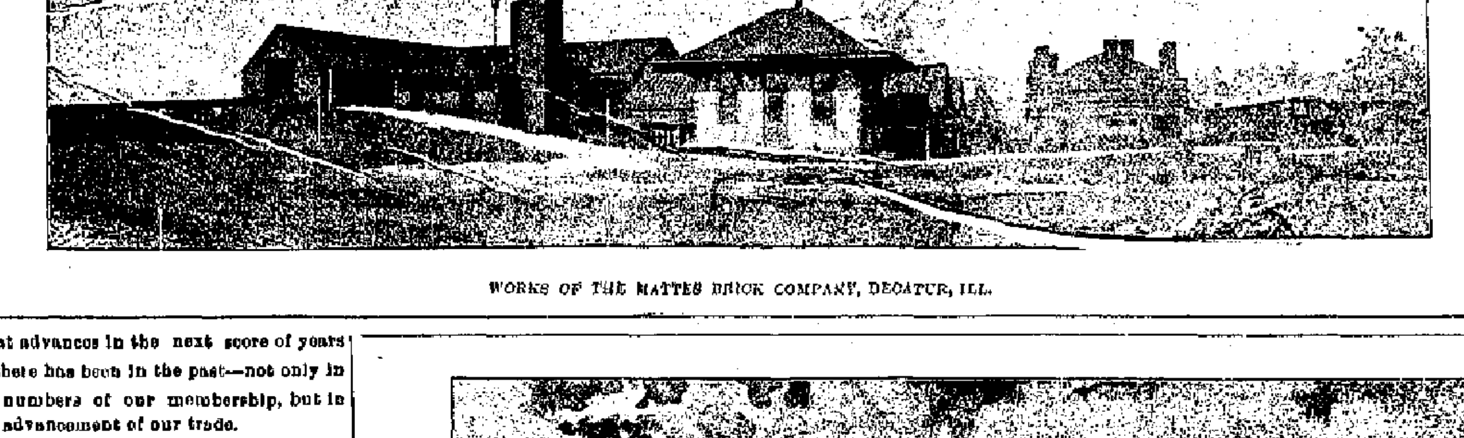
"Let us take up matters of this kind and let our power be felt, not only here in Illinois, but throughout the land. Let us study the needs of our trade, and while we cannot accomplish the end at once, we can in time. At every convention held there is much information imparted from member to member. Let us help each other. We all have our petty annoyances and troubles, some of which are mutual—but some have overcome them. You will receive as much as you will give.

'To the local members and to the citizens of this city, let me, in behalf of the association, thank you for your cordial welcome. Many valuable papers are to be read and discussed, and I will not take up your time further.'

THE DECATUR BRICK & TILE CO.'S WORKS.



THE LEADER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, DECATUR, ILL.



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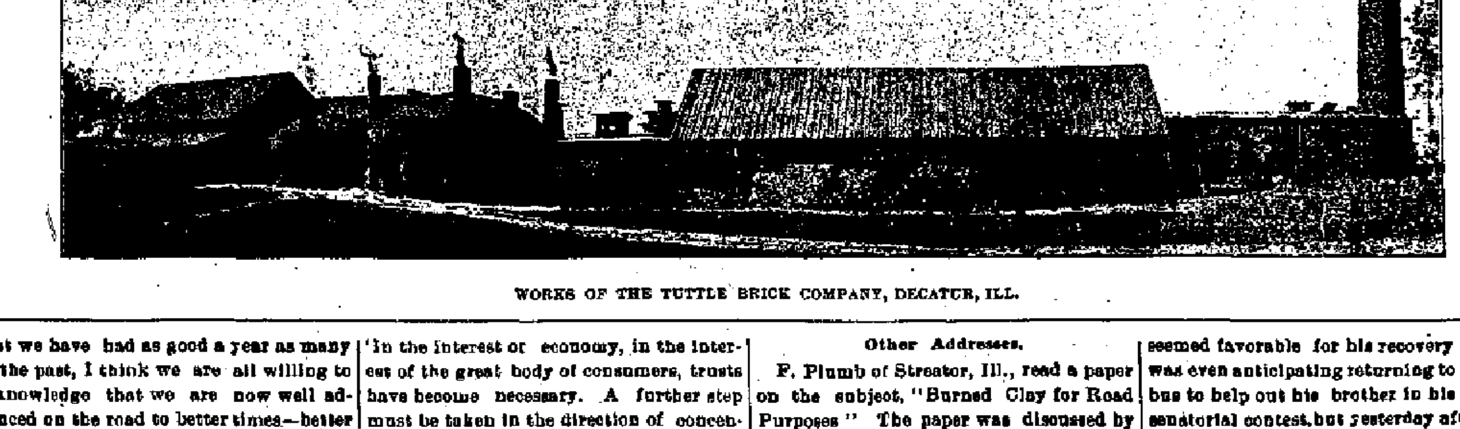

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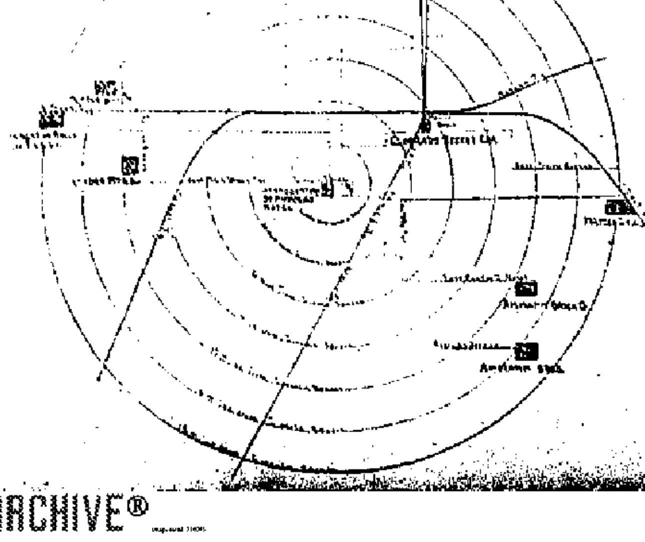

Other Addresses.

F. Plumb of Streator, Ill., read a paper on the subject, "Burned Clay for Road Purposes" The paper was discussed by the members.

"Tile Drainage as an Investment," was the subject of an address by J. J. W. Billingsley of Indianapolis.

W. D. Gates of Chicago read a paper on "Dividends."

E. W. Bach was to have read a paper but he was unable to be present on account of having met with an accident.

Before adjournment this evening a committee on resolutions will be appointed.

Banquet Tonight.

The Decatur brick manufacturers will this evening give a banquet to the visitors at the St. Nicholas hotel. It will be a handsome affair and the local committee will do everything in their power to make the visiting delegates enjoy themselves.

Tomorrow forenoon the members of the association will visit the various brick industries of the city under the direction of a committee composed of Albert Ammann, S. W. Tuttle and Davis Brown. In the afternoon a number of papers will be read.

DURRANT PREPARING FOR DEATH

Execution Plans Explained to Him—Condemned Man's Requests.

San Quintin, Cal., January 5.—Theodore Durrant has rehearsed the scene of his own death. At his own request, made absolutely without emotion, he has been told every incident that will mark the minutes of his last hours of life. From the moment that he awakens next Friday morning until Warden Hale gives the signal to spring the gallows trap, Theodore Durrant knows what is expected of him. A book and several papers on religious subjects were received at the prison yesterday for Durrant. They were offerings from a woman who now resides in Toronto. She was a resident of San Francisco three years ago, and has displayed an interest in Durrant since his arrest for the murder of Blanche Lamont. Deputy Warden Edgar made a thorough inspection of the book and papers and then permitted Durrant to have them.

The authorities suspect that some of Durrant's legal friends may attempt some play at the very moment of the execution. Durrant may invite five of the 150 persons who will be present, but Warden Hale will revise the list, and it is unlikely that any of his attorneys will be seen beside the gallows.

The condemned man has made the following requests concerning his execution:

1. That the rope used to hang him shall be destroyed immediately after his death, so that no person can say that he holds a piece of it as a memento.

2. That none of the spectators shall be allowed to gaze upon his features after he is executed.

3. That no autopsy shall be held after death, and that no physician be allowed to examine his body.

4. That after he is pronounced dead his remains shall be delivered to his parents as soon as possible.

Senator Hanna's Brother Ill.

Thomasville Ga., January 5.—"Mel" Hanna of Cleveland, brother of Senator Hanna and former congressman from Ohio, is dangerously ill at his magnificent country estate, five miles from this city.

Mr. Hanna has been here for several weeks suffering with a lingering complaint, which he hoped to benefit by a visit to the Pine Barrens. The climate seemed thoroughly to agree with him, and up to a few days ago every prospect seemed favorable for his recovery and he was even anticipating returning to Columbus to help out his brother in his present senatorial contest, but yesterday afternoon he was suddenly attacked by a sinking spell, and so serious was his condition that his brother was immediately telegraphed.

The local physicians are giving him every possible attention, but so grave is his malady that at his direction several Cleveland physicians were summoned by wire and are now en route. When they arrive an operation will be undertaken, with the assistance of the resident physicians, which is expected to remove an accumulation of pus, thus saving the life of the patient.

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The city of Mattoon now boasts of a city court It has at last outdone Charleston.

Mr. Bryan s visit to Mexico to "study finance" is a good deal like sending to Patagonia for material for a fashion plate

It might be just as well to put up a few notices like this at the cross roads in Europe and Asia "Look Out For Russia."

The rumors of wars in the east have greatly stimulated those theologians who predict the near approach of the second advent

It is now settled that the custom receipts for the calendar year 1897 will be greater than any year since the McKinley tariff bill was repealed

December 95 was the most satisfactory Christmas for the people of the United States since they entered upon the free trade experiment in 1892

The best thing Mr Kurtz of Ohio could do for his country and his party would be to become the emissary of Blanco to one of the Cuban leaders

Secretary Gage does not hesitate to assure the country that he has no intention of resigning and that so far as he knows the president don't want him to resign.

Spain deceived Cuba once. That was Spain's fault, but if Cuba permits Spain to deceive it again that will be Cuba's fault The insurgents understand that philosophy

While Russia, Germany, England and France are taking slices out of China the United States might as well take in Cuba and the Hawaiian islands and build the Nicaraguan canal

The old veteran Gomez is emphatic in his announcement that the cause of Cuba is the cause of liberty or death He wants no autonomy, in other words he will not treat with brutes and hypocrites

Will our friend Dr Wilcox of Champaign, who has accepted the appointment of consul to Hankow China please tell us on what particular slice of that tottering empire he will be located?

Spain may be said to have played her last card in Cuba by offering autonomy This the Cuban leaders refuse. Spain is not able to enforce it and therefore there is no reason why the war should be longer continued.

The length of time Bryan spent in Mexico will not affect the length of his statement to the American people touching the superiority of Mexico over the United States on account of free coinage of silver in the former.

And now comes the railroads and tell us that their passenger traffic has been seriously injured by the use of the long distance telephone And so it goes It will not be long until the long distance will be complaining because its business has been curtailed by the airship

The fact that Spain shows some anxiety to have the United States undertake the task of relieving distress in Cuba indicates that she will not long object to the United States interfering to end the war Spain evidently wants some one to help her let go

The nomination of ex Attorney General McKenna for the supreme bench is generally commended by the press of the country and by the people The only objection comes from those who are determined not to be satisfied with anything that the president or the Republican party does

Congress is likely to pass an immigration restriction bill making education a requisite for citizenship to the United States The Republicans have always been the party of progress and intelligence and it is not surprising that the bill which make this proposition one of its important factors is received with favor by that party.

The national board of trade in its recent meeting in Washington declared unequivocally against the free coinage of silver and in favor of money based upon the gold standard The fact that this organization of business men contained members of both parties did not prevent the adoption of the resolution by a practically unanimous vote.

Secretary Gage stood up manfully before the storm of questions and cross questions on the currency with which the financial cranks in congress greeted his appearance before the house committee He made no hesitation in saying that the duty of the government is to keep every dollar of its currency as good as every other dollar and placed himself firmly upon the doctrine that everything which is offered as currency in the United States ought to be as good as gold

The Republican is still of the opinion that the Democratic party should in order to be consistent in its inconsistency, accept the fact that we are upon a gold standard basis and therefore insist that all gold should be coined into money and none should be used in the arts and that all gold jewelry and gold mountings is evidence of robbing the poor man of gold that should be in his pocket. What a howl that party could raise along that line.

It is reported the president has decided to modify Mr Cleveland's blanket order placing 45,000 federal employes under civil service rules. He can do this safely without doing violence to the principle of the civil service law. It happens that no man living is able to say who is and who is not included in the Cleveland order President McKinley will designate who was hit and who is not

Japan has withdrawn her opposition to the annexation of Hawaii to the United States So have a good many of the members of the senate who were reported as against it on the opening of the session of congress It now seems probable that the recommendations of President McKinley in behalf of annexation will be complied with soon after the reassembling of congress The Republican party is pledged to this proposition and it is in the habit of keeping its promises to the people.

The rapid development of the manufacturing interests in the south is giving the manufacturers of New England no little anxiety The matter was discussed at considerable length at a meeting of the cotton manufacturers in Boston some days ago, and it was apparent from the reports of the members that the new industries in the south have come to stay This fact accounts for the rapid growth of the protective sentiment in that section and the presence in congress of a larger number of protectionists from the south than ever before.

There is a growing feeling all over the country and in Washington in favor of the adoption by congress of President McKinley's simple currency plan, in which he proposes that the treasury and United States notes which are redeemed in gold shall be held in the treasury, and that national banks be permitted to increase their circulation up to par value of the bonds held in deposit to secure circulation. The discussion of the more elaborate plans which have been offered shows that there will be little probability that they could be adopted in view of the fact that the Republicans have not a clear majority in the senate.

Members of the ways and means committee and the finance committee at Washington agree with the treasury officers in the belief that the new tariff law is going to supply sufficient revenue to meet the running expenses of the government With this unanimous verdict of experts in its favor, its opponents should at least keep silent until it has had opportunity to show what it can do under normal conditions It is expected that the expenditures of the government will be considerably curtailed by the vigorous efforts in the direction of economy, which the Republicans are making all along the line, and thus the demand upon the revenue will be reduced

The Democrats continue their malicious attacks upon the Dingley law, knowing full well that it has not yet been given a chance to see what it will do as a revenue gatherer. It was not expected that the new law could possibly meet the expenses of the government during its first few months, and in point of fact it has been doing as well as its friends expected, and as well as they predicted it would do It is to be presumed, however, that the Democrats will continue their howling as long as there is a possibility of making a single person believe that the new law is not what it should be as a revenue producer After the miserable failure of the Wilson law in a fair trial of three years, it might rationally be expected that the men who foisted that abortion upon the country would be willing to shut up for awhile and give its successor an opportunity to demonstrate what it can do

Milwaukee Sentinel. Protectionists maintain that the protective policy, by insuring American capitalists against foreign competition has led them to embark their capital, and has enabled them to build up large enterprises, in which thousands of wage earners find employment It is for the free traders to show wherein this contention is unsound When they have done this—and they have never found it easy to do—they will be called upon to convince the American public that if protection had not been the policy of this country our capitalists would have been equally enterprising and equally successful, or else that some other equally valuable results would have been obtained And though the free traders are numerous, and though some of them are able they do not make much progress in their efforts to convince the American public of these things

The recent Democratic wail to the effect that the country is in a ruinous condition because of the proposed reduction of wages of the cotton mill operatives in New England has caused some of the leading papers of the country to examine into the matter of the increase and reduction of wages during the past few months It is found from the statistics compiled by Bradstreet's and Dun's that thousands of employes representing numerous classes of industry and scattered all over the country, have either had their wages increased from 5 to 20 per cent or at least been promised increases to commence with the new year, while the one instance of reduction of the cotton mill hands is a natural result of the competition of the cotton mills in the south, where the mill operators pay less wages, obtain longer hours of labor, and have practically no transportation to pay on the raw material

Bringing Out Harrison.

The Chicago Tribune The triumvirate of "Bs"—Burke, Brinton and Bentley—it appears has decided that the Democratic party will stand in great need of a "mascot" three years hence, and so has commenced manipulating "the machine" with a view to making Carter Harrison the Democratic candidate for governor in 1900 This would be a direct interference with the Louisville Courier-Journal's program for making Harrison a candidate for the presidency in the same year, but probably the three Bs have come to the conclusion that a defeat for the governor would give the aspiring young Chicagoan an easier fall than would a presidential nomination In the meantime Mr. Harrison will have his hands full playing the "mascot" for Boss Croker and his Tammany allies, while Burke and Thornton will run the city

Weyler's Wail.

General Weyler has at last filed the long promised protest with the queen regent. He objects to the criticism in President McKinley's message of his administration in Cuba and insists that his conduct was that of a humane soldier and officer, but states in this connection that those whom he ordered to concentrate in the cities were aiding the Cubans and were the enemies of Spain. These are the people who have starved to death and for whom relief is now being solicited This means that Weyler considers any outrage upon the enemies of Spain as humane That is all he knows about humanity, and right here is where President McKinley, who knows what civilized warfare means, differs with him. It will make little difference what Weyler may say as to his conduct in Cuba, the fact remains that he is not only a brute, but like all brutes of his kind prefers making war on unarmed people to hunting down those who are armed and who ask him to come out and get them Weyler has lost his job because Spain feared longer to defy public sentiment in the United States, which was wrought to an intense degree by Weyler's horrible warfare in Cuba Weyler, no doubt, thought himself humane and justifiable in his atrocities. The American people thought differently and any explanations he can conjure up will not change public sentiment here

The only way he can secure satisfaction for this difference of opinions is to induce the queen to send him into United States territory at the head of an army to demand it at the cannon's mouth. Should he ever be so fortunate as to be put in such a position he may make another discovery, namely, that a civilized people can conduct a war on civilized principles that will be fully as interesting to him as any campaigning he ever did in the field or on a typewriter. There are several million people in the United States, who would like to meet Weyler and his soldiers on the field What a sweet welcome they would give the martinet

Who Stands by Labor,

The free trader does not consider a rise in wages or a demand for labor as indicative of prosperity His idea of the way to bring prosperity is by way of cheap goods and cheap labor and his notion of the way to get both is to take the duties off foreign made goods He argues that the tariff is added to the price of the goods and if the tariff is taken off the goods will be that much cheaper to the consumer "The fact that 90 per cent of the cost of producing these goods is labor does not concern the free trader He wants the benefit of the cheapest labor he can get regardless of the effect of his policy on the labor of our own land The history of this country shows that the free traders' plan never brought prosperity to this country no matter how cheap goods could be purchased The reason is obvious. When we buy from abroad what we should manufacture for ourselves our labor becomes idle and the laborer has no money to buy and ceases to be a profitable consumer and at once farm products become cheaper business is upset and we have hard times The reason the Morrill tariff and the McKinley tariff brought good times is that both these tariffs were protective. Their object was to put our own people to work manufacturing goods for home consumption instead of buying them from abroad This always made labor prosperous and created a demand for the products of our farms. The Dingley bill is doing the same thing for the country If you don't believe it listen to the howl from Europe because it shuts them out of this market and gives our own people a chance to get work.

Free Rural Delivery.

The postoffice department has been testing rural free delivery of mail in certain designated districts One of these districts is in Kansas and consists of Wyandotte county Recently the department made inquiry as to how the farmers liked the system All were pleased with it except one man who wrote the department as follows

"I don't see no partic lar advantage in it. I can go to town often enough to get all the papers I ve got time to read There ain t no call for the guv'ment to go to any such trouble for us farmers. It s gettin' two darned plutocratic anyway Fust thing you know the guv'ment will be wantin' us to wear carpet slippers an' smoke sec gyars, an' then what in thunder s goin' to become of the farm work? We'll all be gettin' like them lazy town folks an' won't stir out of the house to do a chore till we get our mornin' paper to read An' do you think I m goin' to drop my letters in a box out here for anyone to come along an' get? How'm I goin' to know they'll ever git to the postoffice, or that some'n won't come along an' take the stamps off'n 'em? No, siree, Harry, the old way's good enough for me, as long as I'm a plain farmer"

It is unnecessary to remark that the objector is a middle of the roader engaged in trying to reform the finances of the country

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS

How Postmaster General Gary's Proposition is Received in Washington.

Washington, Dec 31—A great deal of interest is manifested here over Postmaster General Gary s postal savings banks proposition, and considerable is being said pro and con on the subject Several strong objections are made to the scheme, and opposition will doubtless come from various quarters, the claim being made that the establishment of the system would drive private savings banks out of existence; that the government could not find a suitable investment for the deposits and that the whole thing is too paternalistic to be considered The general opinion is, however, that the establishment of postal savings banks would be of great benefit to the common people, the farmers, the mechanics, and the artisans who do not have opportunity to look about for safe, profitable and satisfactory investments, but who would gladly and confidently deposit their savings with the government. It is not thought that the establishment of the project would prejudice the interests of the private savings banks. In many sections of the west, and in rural districts generally, money is kept in hiding and not in banks Farmers and others have a distrust of banks in general and will not deposit their savings in private concerns, but hoard it in old stockings and bury it in the earth

Congressman C W. Stone of Pennsylvania, believes that he has a solution of the problem as to the proper investment to be made with the deposits of the postal banks His proposition is that the postoffice department shall invest the deposits in county bonds the proceeds of which shall be used in the building and improvement seeing to is that the money is used for this purpose. He embodies this in a proposed amendment to the postal savings bill, which is as follows

"Preference shall at all times be given to such investments of the postal savings as will put them into active circulation in the rural districts and for that purpose the department may purchase bonds issued exclusively for the building or improvement of country roads, subject only to such limitations and restrictions and such provisions for the security of the United States as may be agreed upon and prescribed, from time to time, by the secretary of the treasury, the attorney general, the postmaster general and the secretary of agriculture"

The simple proposition is that the counties shall issue bonds and pay the same interest on them that the government must pay to the depositors in the postal banks This interest would be more than met by the money which is annually expended throughout the country in the improvement of roads, or rather in keeping roads from deteriorating into an impassable condition

General Roy Stone, the acting president of the National League for Good Roads, has been making a careful study of the possibilities of this question, and believes that no other possible use of money on a large scale can result to such advantage to the people. The benefits to be derived from good roads are acknowledged to be among the greatest which can accrue to the country. "The commercial benefits of good roads," declares General Stone "are well indicated by the New York Chamber [of Commerce" This body asserted that "we are handicapped in all the markets of the world by an enormous waste of labor in the primary transportation of our products"

The immediate advantage which would be apparent from the purchase of local bonds and the commencement of work on country roads would be in putting the postal savings into active circulation in the country districts from which they would mainly be drawn. The great objection made against the postal savings scheme has been: "What will the government do with the savings? Where will it invest them profitably, so as to be able to pay its depositors interest?" Government bonds have been suggested as the safest means of investment, but this process would carry the money to the great commercial and money centers for the purchases of existing bonds, or to the treasury at Washington for new issues This would be the result of all investments which have been suggested—the money would leave the communities where it was deposited. But the purchase of road improvement bonds would insure the employment of every dollar in payment for labor in the country districts In support of his project General Stone says

"In view of the perfect security offered and of the great public benefits to accrue, the government could well afford to insure the small additional expense of handling these funds and loan the money at the same rate of interest that it pays to the owner. Suppose the rate to be 2½ per cent the interest on the bonds could easily be taken from the ordinary road funds of the county, and, as the county roads would need no repair during the construction years, the road tax could either be lessened for the time or applied to the improvement of local roads Some counties, of course, would be too conservative to accept this loan, but there would be enough ready and willing to take advantage of it to show its benefits and ultimately lead the others to its adoption.

"For this purpose long term bonds would be more desirable than short ones, and probably payment would not be required in less than a hundred years if then so that no present provision need be made in reference to the principal except that the county should have the privilege of payment after 30 or 50 years"

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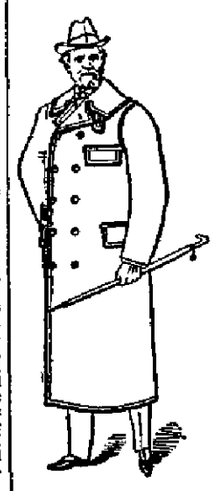

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WEATHER FOR 1897.

A Summary of the Temperature and Rainfall of the Past Twelve Months.

FIRE ALARMS OF THE YEAR

The Work of the Y. M. C. A.—Figures in Regard to the Millikin Home, the Library and the Jail.

Prof. J. H. Coonradt, the weather observer for the government at this point, gives some interesting figures in regard to the weather the year 1897. Mr. Coonradt has taken observations several times each day and reported them to the government bureaus and the figures given are absolutely correct and are according to the government apparatus.

In the tables below the figures are given in tabulated form. The first column indicated the average temperature in this city for each month of the year. In the second column is given the average temperature for the state of Illinois for the past 25 years. The third column indicates in inches the precipitation of rain and snow in each month of the year at this point and the next column gives the average precipitation in the state for the past 20 years. The other columns give the number of clear, cloudy and partly cloudy days of 1897.

	Mean Tem. for 1897.	State Average.	Precipitation.	State Average.	Clear Days.	Cloudy Days.	P. Cloudy Days.
January	25	23 7	3.33	2.25	13	14	4
February	33	29 4	1.21	3.01	12	11	5
March	41	43 0	5.08	2.78	9	16	7
April	51	51.8	4.37	3.55	8	10	12
May	58	61 8	3.21	4.30	10	3	12
June	72	71	4.23	4.6	14	2	14
July	77	76 9	4.02	3.91	16	1	14
August	70	75 1	1.93	3.01	21	8	2
September	72	65 1	.41	3.05	28	0	2
October	61	54 8	.28	2.8	24	1	6
November	41	41 1	1.57	3.1	15	10	5
December	28	29 0	2.47	2.45	8	16	8

In summing up the figures the average temperature for the entire year of 1897 was 47.5 degrees. The total rainfall for the year is 33.59 inches, compared to 39.05, which is the average annual precipitation for the state of Illinois for 20 years past. The number of clear days in the year was 136, the number of cloudy days was 83, and the number of partly cloudy days in the year was 96.

FIRES OF THE YEAR.

Number of Alarms in the Past Twelve Months and the Amount of the Losses.

During the past year the city fire department has responded to 110 alarms. Of this number 16 were still alarms and 10 were false alarms. There were not very large fires in 1897 as there were in the year before and the loss was not as great as in 1896. In that year the number of fires was more than during the past 12 months, the department responding to 131 alarms.

The number of alarms in each month of the past year were as follows: January 10, February 6, March 9 April 12, May 6, June 4, July 13, August 9, September 19, October 12, November 6, December 7.

The total number of feet of hose laid by the firemen during the year was 21,750. The loss on buildings for the year was $4072.83, and the loss on contents of the buildings was $3830.35. The largest losses were during the month of February, and the smallest loss during the month of November. There were no large fires during the year.

THE MILLIKIN HOME.

Work Which Has Been Accomplished During the Year by the Directors.

During the past year at the Anna D. Millikin Home 11 different old ladies and 27 children have been admitted. Most of the children have been found permanent or temporary homes in families, so that now there are not as many inmates at the home as usual. The children who were old enough have been sent to school while at the home. The board of directors look forward to a prosperous year for the home. James Millikin some time ago gave $10,000 for a new building provided the ladies would raise the same amount and next year they expect to push the work to securing the necessary amount. Mr. Millikin has also given a piece of property west of the city on which the new home will be erected. There have been two deaths at the home during the past year, one, an old lady named Mrs. Todd and the other a baby.

THE Y. M. C. A.

Work Which was Accomplished at the Association During Past Twelve Months.

The coming year promises to be a good one for the Y. M. C. A. The present membership is 250. This is smaller than the membership at the same time a year ago, but a number of the members have moved out of the city and the fact that many of the young men are out of work has made some difference. During the year 33 young men have been converted by the men's meetings which were held at the rooms. The average daily attendance at the rooms has been 50. N. W. Woodford, who was secretary of the association, resigned during the year and T. W. Stewart was put in his place. The local members entertained about 400 delegates to the state convention last fall. An important feature of the work is the movement now on foot to establish a railroad association in this city.

Secretary Stewart says that the association before the annual meeting on January 11, expects to have all of the debts wiped out so that the new fiscal year will be started without any incumbrances.

Public Library.

At the public library there has been an increased attendance and a larger number of books have been taken out during the year of 1897 than the previous year. In the month of November, 1897, 949 more books were given out than during the same month of the year before. The number of persons visiting the room in the year has been 2351 more than in 1896.

At the County Jail.

During the past year 630 prisoners have been put in the county jail. Of this number 15 were sent to the penitentiary and six to the reform school. There are now 35 prisoners in the jail, and only two of them are in for vagrancy, all the others being in to serve out fines or await the action of the grand jury.

COURT MATTERS.

Cases Which were Filed Yesterday in the Office of the Circuit Clerk.

From the Daily of Saturday.

Yesterday was the last day of service for cases in the next term of the circuit court. There will not be as many cases on the dockets next term as at the last. There are 289 cases on the chancery and common law dockets. Of the chancery cases 34 are for divorce or separate maintenance. The following are the cases filed yesterday:

Suits Filed.

R. T. Coleman & Co., for the use of E. E. Gibson, vs. Linn & Scruggs Co.; assumpsit; $500.

William H. Nickey vs. Rosalie and Richard Rosen; foreclosure.

William Ryan vs. Robert Cullen et al; foreclosure.

Ammann Brick Co. vs. George A. Melhorn; foreclosure.

Milton Trotter vs. Col. Adam Kathlas; appeal.

W. L. Johnson vs. John R. Gott, J. A. Wilson and J. W. Roark; confession $319.04.

G. W. Ehrhart vs. same; $539.75; $016.76 and $962.70.

G. W. Ehrhart vs. John R. Gott and C. W. Roark; $865.

M. T. Hott vs. James Ryan; $151 45.

Thomas J. Scroggins vs. Alice J. Whitley et al; chancery.

Suits filed in the circuit clerk's office are as follows:

Charles J. Freeman vs. Edward White et al; foreclosure.

Frank M. Ralston vs. H. C. Robinson and Elizabeth Robinson; foreclosure.

J. S. Galvin, appellant, vs. W. A. Hedenberg; appeal.

David W. Bray vs. John Blickle; trespass.

Charles Roth vs W. P. Hunter assumpsit.

William C. Sudduth vs. B. Z. Taylor; assumpsit.

Citizens' National Bank vs. John A. Keck, appellant; appeal.

M. T. Hott vs. John R. Gott, et al; confession in vacation.

M. T. Hott vs. James Ryan; confession in vacation.

Albert T. Summers vs. Harry L. Oldham, Mary L. Oldham, Mary E. Ewing and Mary B. Palmer; assumpsit. Damages asked $500.

Bonds Filed.

C. B. Dritton, collector for Mt. Zion township, today filed his bond for $26,766.86, in the circuit clerk's office. His sureties were W. S. Smith, A. B. Scott, R. T. Williams, James Millikin and O. B. Gorin.

L. W. Denson, collector for Harristown township, filed his bond with O. B. Gorin, James Millikin and J. M. Brownback as sureties.

THE MIDDLE SOUTH.

North of Yellow Fever and South of Cold Weather.

Western Tennessee was, before the war, a rich, producing agricultural country. Fayette county, which is the home of the Southern Homeseeker's Land Co., was then the fourth county in the whole south in value of productions.

Always favored by location, it has good markets and gets highest prices for everything raised.

Agriculture, horticulture and stock raising have since the war been given over to negroes and renters, with the usual results.

Magnificent plantations which made their ante-bellum owners aristocrats, have been poorly, shabbily farmed by negroes and may now be bought for from $10 to $25 per acre.

The Southern Homeseeker's Land Co bought up those plantations and are now selling them to northern farmers, either as a whole or in small tracts They have been doing this for several years and the farms of the new farmers show the visitor what can be accomplished by northern farmers.

Last year when oats were selling in Iowa for 6 and 8 cents a bushel, in Sommerville the price was 39 to 40 cents. Corn brings the Chicago price with 500 miles of freight added.

Peaches (always a crop), pears, grapes and berries produce richly and have a certain market in St. Louis, Cincinnati and Chicago. The railroads run a Homeseekers' Excursion the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. The Southern Homeseeker's Land Co., of Sommerville, Tenn., Chicago office 1610 Masonic Temple, make a round trip rate on the same days and trains, lower than the railroads, but only to Sommerville. The excursion days for January are January 4 and 18. Go down, select a plantation in a delightful climate buy it, divide it among your children or neighbors, and where the Lord feeds your flocks all but two months of the year, live out all your days.

A Flag of Warning.

Beware of the dry, tickling, hacking, morning cough, for it warns you that consumption lurks near. The famous Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will cure it. "I had a very bad cough. One doctor pronounced it consumption. I used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and was completely cured; the cough left me and has never come back. Simon Smasal, 375 31st Street, Chicago, Ills." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup costs but 25 cents. Ask for Bull's, take only Bull's.

THE WHEAT DEAL.

Armour Turns Over to Leiter All the Wheat that He Had Bought.

QUIET CLOSE OF THE TRANSACTION

Nine Million Bushels of Wheat Now in Chicago Elevators—How Prices Ranged—Cool Remarks by Manager French.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—This is settlement day on the board of trade for December delivery and rounded up a definite stage of what it is believed will be the biggest deal in wheat, so far as the actual article is concerned, ever engineered, except possibly that managed by Joseph, the Hebrew, when acting as Pharaoh's minister of sobsistence. Up to last night probably 8,500,000 bushels of high grade wheat had been delivered on December contracts to Joseph Leiter, who, according to latest rumors, is acting in the same relation to the British government that his namesake did to the Egyptian. This is practically every bushel of high grade wheat in Chicago. The prevailing opinion before the board of trade opened was that the session would be devoid of excitement usually attendant upon the closing hours of large deals, as it was understood the short interest had been practically eliminated, so nobody could be squeezed. There were no indications of excitement on the curb before the opening on 'Change. Not a quotation for December which closed last night at 94¼. May reflected strength, which so suddenly developed on the curb yesterday afternoon when rumors of the calling out of the British naval reserves were circulated.

May opened on the curb at 92⅞, showing an advance of ⅜ over yesterday, and swung quietly between that and 93¾ until the regular board opened. When the big gong sounded for the final session of 1897, May was quoted at 93⅝ to 93¾, and for some time held within ¼ of those figures. The first sale of December was 94¾, an advance of ¼ after night. Leiter's agents attracted some attention by buying December and selling May at two cents premium for December. The trade, however, was comparatively on a small scale, with the prices changes merely fractional up to the close of the first hour.

The market was quiet throughout with none of the excitement usual to closing of a great deal. Leiter supported December, taking all offered at two cents over May. December sold at extreme range, 94¼ to 95¼ and closed at 95. The inspection department says the combined wheat stock is about 9,000,000 bushels. Leiter has already paid for all this and to close up the deal it only requires that he market it. In the speculative trade usual ante-New Year affair, finished with hardly any business, but with a firm tone. May ranged from 92½ to 93¼, and closed at 92¾.

Take It Coolly.

"The so-called December deal goes out as quietly as a lamb, just as we expected," said George B. French, manager of the Leiter interests. "At no time did we have any idea we would not get all the December wheat we bought. Those who sold wheat short around the seventies and eighties, preferred to buy the stuff from the farmer and in other markets and bring it here. Additional loss has been of no moment to them, it being entirely a matter of prestige and credit. Chicago now has millions of wheat in the elevators of the grade that will pass in any market of the world, and the credit and reputation of our market is so much enhanced thereby. We feel very well satisfied with our position. If we have erred in the premises there will of course be a penalty in the conclusion as to our policy in disposing of wheat. I do not care to talk, however, it being strictly our own business. We bought all the December offered, but made no attempt to sustain prices. When a merchant buys a commodity he generally buys as cheaply as he possibly can. We are not interested in prestige or popular applause, and I think we need no credit at the present time."

Mr. Leiter said this afternoon, "I am practically out of wheat." It is believed the deal will close up $1.25 a bushel in May.

HYMENEAL.

From the Daily of Thursday.

Heiby-Lytle.

The marriage of Carl George Heiby of Milwaukee and Miss Hortense Lytle occured last night at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Lytle on North Morgan street. The wedding was a quiet affair and only the members of the family and the most intimate friends were in attendance. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion, white and green being the predominating colors. Holly and greens were draped at the doors and windows and flowers and plants were arranged about the rooms. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Penhallegon of the First Presbyterian church. At 8 o'clock the couple, preceded by Miss Mary Taggart, the flower girl, entered the parlor and stood under a dove which carried a sprig of mistletoe, the mandolin orchestra playing a wedding march. The flower girl carried the wedding ring in a basket of carnations.

The bride was attired in a handsome gown of cream satin with a garniture of real lace and satin ribbon. The dress was made with a low cut square corsage and short sleeves. She carried a large bunch of hyacinths and ferns. Miss Taggart was gowned in white dotted swiss.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lytle and is a young lady who is well known in Decatur and has a large circle of friends. The groom is the foreman of a large manufacturing establishment at Milwaukee and the couple will go to that city to make their home. They will be at home to their friends after January 12. The guests from out of the city were Mrs. V. T. Heiby, mother of the groom, from Milwaukee; Mrs. Gus Warner of Evansville, and Miss Rose Budd of Indianapolis.

Hedges-Arthur.

At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arthur on West Prairie avenue last night, Miss Della Arthur was married to William E. Hedges, of Chicago. The wedding was a quiet but pretty one. The parlors of the residence were decorated with holly and evergreens. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. C. Miller, pastor of the Congregational church, and was witnessed by about 40 guests. After the ceremony a supper was served in the dining room, where the decorations were of smilax and ferns. The bride was gowned in a costume of mousselaine de soi over white silk.

Miss Arthur is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arthur and was formerly a teacher in the Sangamon street school. The groom was a teacher in the Macon county schools, but is now teaching in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Hedges left at midnight for Chicago, where they will make their future home. Mrs. Ezra Miller of Springfield, was in attendance at the wedding.

Hooper-Darling.

Hasker H. Hooper and Miss Jessie R. Darling were married last night at 7:30 o'clock at the College street chapel, Rev W. H. Penhallegon officiating. A wedding supper was served at the bride's home on North Edward street after the ceremony at the chapel. The couple will live on the groom's farm in Mt. Zion township.

Davidson-Brown.

Dr. W. P. Davidson of La Place and Miss Ida Brown were married yesterday at the bride's home at Seymour, Ind. The couple came yesterday to La Place, where they will reside.

Wright-Hall.

J. A. Wright of Monticello and Miss Zoe Hall of Indianapolis were married last night at the St. Nicholas hotel, Rev. Frost Craft officiating. A few friends were in attendance.

HORTON BOUND OVER

To Await the Action of the Next Grand Jury for Fighting Stober.

BOND WAS PLACED AT $100

Case Came Up Today Before Justice Shorb and was Hotly Contested—Bartello Case Continued.

From the Daily of Monday.

The case of Officer Stober vs. Officer Horton came to trial at last today in Justice Shorb's court. Attorney Mills prosecuted the case and Attorney David Hotchinson appeared for Horton. The charge against Horton was that of hitting Stober with a brick. There has always been an enmity between the two men as they are both special policemen and don't like each other very much. They came to blows on the night of December 12, when Horton struck Stober in the head with a brick. T. J. Collins, one of the witnesses in the case, testified that he saw Stober flourish a revolver and Horton testified that he hit Stober in self defense because he was afraid Stober would kill him. Dr. Dixon and several others testified in regard to the trouble.

Justice Shorb rendered a decision in favor of Stober, placing Horton under a bond of $100 to wait the action of the grand jury. In addition the squire gave the two policemen some good advice. He said that they must both of them stop their foolishness or one of them would get killed or both would lose their jobs and that it would serve them right if they did.

Case Continued.

The second trial of Joe Bartello came up this morning in Justice Provost's court. The case was continued until next Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. The criminal cases against Joe are also set for that day.

J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

H. J. Wiggins and G. W. King of Homer are trying to collect a car load of corn to send to the starving Cubans.

Mrs Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says, "After two doctors gave up my boy to die I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

CHRISTMAS IN CUBA

Significant Demonstration by the Insurgents Against the Spanish Government.

CHEERS FOR THE UNITED STATES

Starvation on the Island—150,000 People Die of Disease and of Want—Latest from Madrid—Not So Saucy.

Havana, Dec. 31.—Christmas night at Matanzas and at other towns there were riots similar to those at Havana. The demonstrations were intended as protests against autonomy. At Matanzas the crowds cheered the United States, McKinley and annexation. A majority of conservative mayors removed from the towns in the interior. They represent 75 per cent of the tax payers. A letter from an important insurgent chief says 150,000 insurgents and reconcentrados died in western Cuba up to Santa Clara. Dr. Delfin calls attention in the local papers to the necessity of sending 50 physicians into the interior of the island, provided with medicines and vaccine, to treat people who are suffering with small pox, dysentery and malaria, which diseases are threatening extermination. He says that 500,000 persons, mostly women and children, have died of famine in the fields. It is not advisable, the Spanish say, to entrust the distribution of food and money to the reconcentrados. It is reported that an important engagement occurred Monday in the Mulatta mountains, Pinar del Rio, and that a large number were killed on both sides.

Present Feeling at Madrid.

Madrid, Dec. 31.—In spite of the fierce attacks which have appeared in the Canovas and conservative press during the past few days, from which it might be imagined that the honor of Spain was lost and that war at least would be necessary to wipe out the insults inflicted upon Hispania by the "yankee," the truth is that never since the commencement of the revolution in Cuba has the feeling between the governments at Washington and Madrid been so good.

There is really at the present moment but one offense, and that is as to the license which should be allowed to the juntas who are scheming upon United States soil. The Spanish government holds that if the United States would only stop the action of those juntas the revolution would be at an end in a few days. But none the less does the Spanish government appreciate the difficulties which any measure in that direction would arouse in the United States. At the same time the Spanish government keeps pressing the matter as one which it considers of vital importance.

A most important decision has been taken by the government, whereby the obnoxious law enacted prohibiting the exportation of raw tobacco from Cuba has been rescinded. The announcement will be made on January 1. This directly reestablishes the large industries of the United States at Key West, which it affected seriously.

General Weyler's petition to the queen against the references made to him by President McKinley falls perfectly flat, only one out of eight evening papers deigning to give it space. The general opinion is that he had better not have drawn attention to himself, for, as a representative Spaniard who knows Cuba said: "General Weyler was our greatest mistake," and he echoed the opinion of nine out of every ten men met, for his utter failure and harmful influence seems universally acknowledged.

MINGLE TO HANG.

Sentence of Death for the Springfield Man Who Killed a Baby.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 30.—James Mingle, who murdered the infant of Mary Brisoco, and tried for murder, was today found guilty and sentenced to hang on February 11.

It is easy to catch a cold and just as easy to get rid of it if you commence early to use One Minute Cough Cure. It cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. It is pleasant to take, safe to use and sure to cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Family Reunion.

Noah Jacobs held a New Year's reunion at his home, No. 926 West Macon street on Saturday. About 35 members of the family and intimate friends were in attendance. The children of Mr. Davis gather each year and hold a family reunion.

Miss Allie Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Durrant in His Cell.

San Quintin, Cal., Dec. 31.—Theodore Durrant has been again removed to his death cell to await the hour of execution, which has been fixed for 10:30 a. m. January 7.

George Hammond of Mackinaw has bought of J. W. Barkdoll of Tremont four store buildings in Mackinaw for $1000.

Richard Monett of Eminence sold fourteen spring calves to J. W. Adams at $24 per head.

Thomas Saxton is the marshal appointed by the new temperance board of Mackinaw.

BRYAN MAY RUN FOR CONGRESS

May Enter a Fight Where His Law Partner Would be His Opponent.

Lincoln, Neb., January 3.—The home-coming of W. J. Bryan, who is expected tomorrow, will probably have the effect of settling soon the persistent rumor that he will make the race for congress in this, his old district, next fall on the fusion ticket. Interest in his report has been heightened by the positive assertion that A. R. Talbott, Bryan's Republican nominee for the same office. Talbott, in any event, is a candidate, and his energetic and open advocacy of McKinley's election will remove from Mr. Bryan any embarrassment he might otherwise have in running against him.

This, the first district, is nominally Republican against the combined opposition, but Mr. Bryan twice carried it for congress, and his friends insist that he can do it again by an increased majority, and that so far as the nomination is concerned he can have it for the asking. They argue further that it would be a good political stroke for him to make the race, that the next congress may be Democratic and that Bryan in that event, could assume the leadership in the lower house and pave the way to the presidential canvass in 1900.

A. R. Talbott, whose chances seem fairly good for the Republican nomination, was a schoolmate of Bryan in Illinois, a law partner for 10 years and at present is a state senator from this county.

CONGRESSMAN WARNER WEDS

He is United at Clinton to Miss Minnie Bishop.

Clinton, Ill., January 3.—The wedding of Miss Minnie Bishop to Colonel Vespasian Warner took place at 10:30 Sunday forenoon at the residence of ex-Mayor Bishop on North Center street.

The wedding was a quiet one, none but the immediate friends being present. Dr James Alvin Clarke of the Universalist church officiated according to the simple ritual of the church Miss Bishop has been for a number of years principal of the Clinton High school and is a lady of rare culture.

They left for Chicago, when Congressman Warner and his bride will proceed to Washington.

MISS WILLARD FAINTS.

Famous W. C. T. U. Woman Faints on Completion of Her Lecture.

Milwaukee, Wis., January 3.—The Sentinel's Janesville, Wis., special says: Frances E. Willard, president of the National W. C. T. U., fainted last night at the close of her lecture on "White Life for Two," which she delivered in the Congregational church. A physician was summoned, but it took some time before she recovered sufficiently to be removed to the home of her cousin. Late last night it was said that she was resting easily.

Better.

Janesville, Wis., January 3.—Miss Frances E. Willard, who was taken suddenly ill last night during her lecture, is much improved today. She left for home at noon, though still far from well.

For Hoarseness.

Benj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice. It is used very largely by speakers and singers. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Officers Elected.

The following officers of the Sunday school of the United Brethren church were elected:

Superintendent—W. T. Montgomery.
Assistant Superintendent—Daniel Bruce.
Secretary—Miss Leola Richards.
Treasurer—Mrs. Raymond Hatfield.
Organist—Miss Jessie Kenney.
Chorister—Daniel Bruce.
Executive Committee—Rev. M. B. Spayd, W. T. Montgomery and Miss Leola Richards.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says, "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested 25 cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds, and all throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

No Humbug.

Foley's Honey and Tar does not claim to perform miracles. It does not claim to cure all cases of consumption or asthma. But it does claim to give comfort and relief in advanced stages of these diseases and to usually cure early stages. It is certainly worth trying by those afflicted or threatened with these dread diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

W. Warters of Allerton has rented a 170 acre farm 12 miles north of Jacksonville for a term of years.

One Minute Cough Cure cures quickly. That's what you want! H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

—Miss Anna Louise Crocker of Marca went to McConnelsville, Ohio, Saturday to teach music in the schools of that place. Miss Crocker is a graduate of Boston Conservatory of Music.

—The following Ann Arbor students who have been home for the holidays returned to their studies yesterday and today: Bryant Vail, Dean Cool, Walter Mills, James Johnson, Cecil Jack and Lindlay Jones.

The Christian Endeavor of the C. P. church will serve dinner and supper in the W. J. Race room, next door to Heilman's, on Merchant street, on January 13.

—Charles T. Kellam is home from a visit in Ohio.

Honesty and Virtue.

There is more honesty and virtue contained in a bottle of Salvation Oil, than in any other liniment known. "Mrs. A. Fiedler, 2864 Palethorp St., Philadelphia, Pa., confirms this truth: She found Salvation Oil to be an excellent remedy for rheumatism, stiff joints, bruises, etc., and thinks it should always be kept in the house." Don't listen to the dealer's arguments in favor of a substitute. Insist on getting Salvation Oil, it costs only 25 cts.

A CHILD POISONED

The Little Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Mallory Accidentally Took Strychnine.

AND DIED A FEW HOURS LATER

The Child Took Several Pills Which Contained Poison—Inquest Will be Held To-Night.

From the Daily of Monday.

Irene, the 18 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Mallory, died today at the family home on Whitsel avenue, under sad circumstances. The child accidentally took some tablets containing strychnine and died in terrible convulsions.

This morning the little girl was in perfect health. She was playing about the house and in some way found a bottle containing a number of the tablets. The medicine was some which had been used by Mr. Mallory several months ago and a number of tablets remained in the bottle. The tablets contained strychnine and the child took several of them before the mother saw what her daughter was doing. This occurred about 11 o'clock. The child soon after began to show signs of illness and Mr. Mallory, who was working at the Republican office, was called home. He went to his home accompanied by Dr. Dixon, but by the time they arrived the child was past all help. The little one died at about 13:30 o'clock in fearful convulsions.

Just how the child got the medicine is not known. Mr. Mallory had used the tablets for ague several months ago and it was supposed that they had been destroyed. The child in playing about the house had found the bottle and in her play took several of the tablets. There was only a small amount of poison in each of the tablets but several of them were enough to kill the child.

The coroner was notified of the death and Deputy Coroner Roy Bendure at once took charge of the remains. The inquest will be held this evening at 7 o'clock at the residence. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made and will be announced later.

DEATH OF MRS. KATE CULP.

The Wife of Thomas Culp Passed Away Last Night at Her Home in This City.

Mrs. Katie Culp, the wife of Thomas Culp, died of consumption last night at 10:40 o'clock at her home, No 551 East Gault street. The deceased was 24 years old and was born at Monticello, Ill. Her maiden name was Kate Stough and she was the daughter of Mrs. Mary Stough. She has lived in Decatur for the past 16 years, but recently went to Nashville, Tenn. Her health became so bad that she returned to Decatur about six months ago and has since been rapidly failing. She was married to Thomas Culp on January 29, 1896. Besides her husband she leaves one child, Ralph, aged one year. The deceased is also survived by three brothers, John, of Decatur; Charles, of Edwardsville, and Mack, of Indianapolis, also one sister, Miss Mamie Stough of Decatur. Mrs. Culp was well known in Decatur and had many friends who will be grieved to learn of her death.

DEATH AT MT. ZION.

Mrs. Lizzie J. Traughber Passed Away at 3 a. m. Sunday.

The death of Mrs. Lizzie J. Traughber occurred this morning at 3 o'clock at the family home at Mt. Zion. The deceased had been in ill health for some time but hopes had been entertained for her up till Saturday last, when it became evident that the end was near. She died at the age of 64 years and has always lived in Mt. Zion and was born there.

Lizzie J. Bell was born September 29, 1833. She was a daughter of the old patriarch of the Mt. Zion Cumberland Presbyterian church, "Uncle Allen" Bell, who still survives her. Lizzie Bell united with this church at about the age of 15 years, and was one of the oldest members of the congregation. She was married to Robert Traughber March 8, 1853, and four children were born to them, two of whom are still living—Henry Traughber of Walla Walla, Wash., and William Traughber of Mt. Zion. Her husband, Robert Traughber, was a member of 116th Illinois volunteers during the war and died February 7, 1863. She leaves behind one brother, James M. Bell of Dodge City, Kan., and four sisters, Mrs. Mary Ann Henry of Decatur, Mrs. Minerva Price of Elwin, Mrs. Maggie Outten and Mrs. Mattie Davis of Mt. Zion. Mrs. Traughber comes of the old substantial stock of families, who were among the pioneers of Macon county. She had been especially identified with the history of the old Cumberland Presbyterian church at Mt. Zion and has long been one of its most devoted members. Her son, Henry, arrived Sunday afternoon from Walla Walla in time to see his mother before she passed away.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 11:30 a. m. from the C. P. church at Mt. Zion, and Rev. N. M. Baker of Lincoln, Ill., is expected to conduct the services.

Thus another of the faithful members of this old church has gone to join the great majority in the better land.

Taken to Kankakee.

This morning Sheriff J. P. Nicholson, accompanied by W. W. Foster, left for Kankakee with John Russell, who was recently adjudged insane, and also Harry Clark of Niantic, who was also found insane.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on H. W. Bell or N. L. Krone and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

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Christmas has brought more cheer and happiness into American homes this year than it has for a long time past.

Governor Bushnell has discovered that the people of Ohio are just like other people—they have no use for a traitor in politics or elsewhere.

The most despicable creature on earth is the skinflint, who will betray his party to gain some selfish end There are a few such fellows in Ohio about this time.

Governor Bushnell declares his Republicanism was never before questioned. Many a fellow has said as much as to his honesty when he was first being tried for forgery or burglary.

If you think there is no improvement in the business condition, ask your letter carrier how the Christmas business for this year compared with that of the last three or four years.

Fifteen hundred employes of glass works in Indiana were made happy on Christmas by an increase of from 12 to 20 per cent in wages, another evidence of the prosperity that has come with protection and a Republican administration of the government.

At the treasury department at Washington it is something like the condition in Florida during the blizzard of 1894, when the Cubans at Tampa rushed out to get their first glimpse of snow. The treasury has been confronted with a December surplus

The silver snake may have received fatal injuries in 1890, but at least its tail is still wriggling in Ohio, where the intellects of the entire silver party is now concentrated in an attempt to defeat Senator Hanna, and thus pay off an old score in a personal way, and insure silver control of the senate during the next two years, or longer

Mr. Kurtz has clearly demonstrated how wise Mark Hanna was when he refused to permit him to remain at the head of the Ohio Republican central committee Kurtz has just been greased and swallowed hams, hoofs and all by McLean in the organization of the legislature. Where would he have been as leader against McLean in the recent campaign?

The chances are still that Mark A. Hanna will be chosen United States senator for Ohio. The people have become aroused over the treachery of Bushnell, Kurtz and others and are making things exceedingly warm for the wolves in Columbus, and it may safely be predicted that when the people rise up and demand loyal action they will be heard, to save funeral expenses.

The cost of living may be increased, so far as farm products are concerned, by a protective tariff, but it is certainly better, all around, for a workingman to be able to buy farm products at an advanced price than not to be able to buy it at any price, as has been true under our late low tariff experience. Our wage earners are having a practical experience in the difference.

The president and the Republican party have taken a decided stand before the country of keeping every dollar of its currency equivalent to gold The Democratic party naturally opposes this policy, as it does all Republican policies, upholds the semi flat theory of the free coinage of silver, and appears to be preparing to adopt the theory of pure fiatism in the issuance by the government of unlimited and irredeemable paper currency

Ex-Minister Hannis Taylor's demand that the people of the United States hold a series of indignation meetings to denounce the president's course in the Cuban matter does not seem to have been favorably received. That was nearly a month ago, and not a mass meeting or a denunciation, except that of Mr Taylor himself, has yet been heard from No report has yet been received of its effect upon the receipts of Mr Taylor's lecture bureau.

The latest report from the old veteran commander Gomez is that he feels entirely secure in the belief that Spain is unable to carry on the war in Cuba much longer and certainly with the present force cannot subdue the patriots Autonomy has been a failure and no one now gives it any attention It cannot be accepted after what Weyler has done by way of starving the families of the insurgents in the field With the leaders and benefices any overture from Spain is simple mockery.

There is no more accurate barometer of the business of the country than that which the iron trade furnishes Iron enters so largely into all branches of business, agriculture manufactures, mining, railroads, business structures etc, that an increased demand for it means an increase in business of all sorts The iron centers show that the New Year is to witness a great revival in these industries. The Illinois Steel company reports its orders at the beginning of the year nearly double that at the beginning of any previous year, and its president predicts the best business that the country has known for a decade.

The ground which the president has chosen in his message favoring the retention in the treasury of greenbacks presented in exchange for gold and thus breaking the endless chain, is easily the most advantageous upon which the Republican party can stand on the currency question The Democratic party in opposing the president's recommendation in this respect places itself on record as favoring the continuance of that feature of the financial system of the United States which has caused the Democratic party as well as the nation the gravest concern and compelled the issuance of bonds to sustain the gold reserve.

The American Silk Industry.

The American Economist: A fine showing of prosperity is made for the silk trade of the United States in the annual review printed by the American Silk Journal, and given in part on another page of this issue. In spite of the prevalence of phenomenal low prices, the output of manufactured goods amounts in value to nearly $100,000,000, and the consumption of raw silk reached 64,548 bales, valued at $28,474,847, the largest in bulk, though not in value, in the history of the trade. Add to this the erection and equipment of 57 new factories, together with additions to buildings and machinery of existing plants, and the formation of 84 new firms and corporations, and the record, as a whole, is a gratifying one.

The prospect for the coming year, under conditions of general prosperity, are most flattering for the silk industry. It has been one of the most enterprising and progressive of all the thriving industries of America, and has in an eminent degree been successful in demonstrating that, supported by a fair amount of protection, American skill and taste can in every case successfully compete with the older and more favorably situated institutions of Europe. In no branch of Yankee enterprise has this fact been more conclusively demonstrated than in the case of American silk.

Southern Cotton Mill Operative.

The Fall River Globe recently dispatched a representative to the cotton manufacturing regions of the south, with a view to obtaining reliable facts as to the extent and character of this southern competition which is now becoming such an important factor in the industrial problem in New England. This agent has spent some time in the Piedmont district, where the cotton manufacturing industry is quite extensively established and where New England manufacturers say they experience the most formidable competition. The Globe presents the results of its representative's investigations in that field Under date of December 15 he writes from Charlotte, N. C, opening his letter with the question, "Southern Competition—What Does it Amount to?" and answering as follows: "Believe the man who runs the Louise mills, the largest cotton manufacturing concern in this city, and it amounts to just this—the northern mills must go out of business, for they never will be able to compete with the mills in this section of the country on the line of goods they are now manufacturing, and there is every prospect that in the years to come mills will be in operation here making every kind of goods which the northern manufacturer makes today and much more cheaply. This is putting it strong. It is not my opinion, but his."

The Globe correspondent quotes a pamphlet issued under the auspices of the Charlotte board of aldermen, in which it is set forth that within 100 miles of Charlotte there are over 200 cotton mills operating 1,691,915 spindles and 40,978 looms, which are claimed to be the most successful of all textile industries not only in the south but in the United States. He says that the operatives are temperate and industrious, and that there is no clashing of races among them Hours of labor are long, wages are low, living is cheap and everybody is contented and happy From his story it looks very much as if the great industries of New England are threatened by the cheap labor of the south

Those Democratic journals which insisted that Senator Wolcott was going to resign because Secretary Gage and President McKinley were unwilling to go into the free coinage of silver without international co operation, had evidently forgotten that Mr Wolcott stood on the same platform that Mr. McKinley and Mr. Gage stood on in 1890, and that Mr Gage does not propose anything different from the principles laid down in that platform.

A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has Lame Back and Weak Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the Liver and Kindeys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its normal vigor Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c. a bottle at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Store.

A bill of sale was filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court Tuesday by which Dennis Dinger transferred to Mary E Pusley a threshing machine and traction engine and outfit. The property is seven miles from Pipestone, Minn. The consideration is given as $1400. The parties hail at reside at Mt. Zion

The newly elected directors of the National bank of Decatur held another meeting yesterday and named officers of that institution for the ensuing year. There was no change, the old officers being named as follows: President, K. H. Ruby, vice president, D S Shellabarger, cashier, B. O. McReynolds, and assistant cashier, G. W. Bright

Bucklen's Arnica Salve

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

Married.

At the home of the bride's father, Martin Albert, on January 4, at Warrensburg John Baumgarten and Miss Ida Albert.

V. D. Ross, proprietor of the Dantown distillery at Newburg, east of Argenta, will establish salesrooms in Decatur for his liquor.

In the county court yesterday Mrs. Annie Miller was fined one cent and costs for disorderly conduct. The costs footed up $9.60.

NEW OFFICERS.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. Have a Double Installation—Other Officers Elected.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

The new officers of Dunham Post, G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps were installed last night at the Grand Army hall. The W. R. C. officers were installed as follows by Mrs Ellie R. Kennedy:

President—Mrs. T. W. Douglass.
Senior Vice President—Mrs. M. F. Mota.
Junior Vice President—Mrs. Anna Miller.
Treasurer—Mrs Carrie E. Spore.
Chaplain—Mrs. Emma Coltrin.
Conductor—Mrs. Clymer.
Assistant Conductor—Mrs. Inman.
Guard—Mrs. Louisa Scelorth.
Assistant Guard—Mrs. Caroline Shirley.
Color Bearers—Mrs. Tincher, Mrs. Simoral, Mrs Bloomquist and Mrs. Emma Garrow.

Mrs. T. J. Abel, the retiring president, presented each of the incoming officers with a bouquet and the new officers presented Mrs Kennedy with a handsome scarf. Mrs. K Harwood in behalf of the corps presented Mrs. Abel with a handsome diamond ring.

The G. A. R. officers were installed as follows by Dr. J. M. Blythe.

Commander—K. Harwood
Senior Vice Commander—T. J Abel,
Junior Vice Commander—William Martin.
Chaplain—Thomas Penlwell.
Quartermaster—F. L Hays.
Adjutant—R P. Lyle.
Officer of the Day—James F Steele
Officer of the Guard—Alfred King.
Surgeon—Dr T. B. Spalding.

After the installation the new commander, K. Harwood, made a short talk in the course of which he thanked the post for electing him, and songs were rendered by Miss Clara Phillips. The retiring commander, Dr. W. F. Calhoun made an address and a few remarks were made by Dr W F. Gillmore and Captain T. J. Abel. A. C. Stevens sang a song.

Yesterday afternoon services were held by the corps in memory of Mrs. W. F Bushor and Mrs. I. V. Shank, two members who died during the past year.

THE VETERINARY SURGEONS.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Illinois Association Will be Held Here Tomorrow.

The 9th annual meeting of the Illinois Veterinary Medical and Surgical association will be held in this city Thursday and Friday at the office of Dr S H. Swain. It is expected that there will be about 15 or 20 of the members in attendance. The first session will begin at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Another session will be held Friday forenoon. The following is the program of papers to be read and discussed:

Thursday—1.30 p. m.

President's Address.
"Azoturia," A. Travis.
"Uterine Prolapsus," S. H. Swain.
"Periodical Opthalma," C. A Herlburt.
"Tuberculosis in Bovines," S. D. Brown.

Friday—10 a. m

"Bovine Impaction," J. H. Bagley.
"Equine Chorea," John Osborn
"Peritonitis," D C. Kretzer

Funerals.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

The funeral of Mrs Eliza Traughber was held yesterday at the Cumberland Presbyterian church in Mt Zion. The services were very largely attended. Rev. A. W. Hawkins of this city assisted the regular pastor in the services. The pall bearers were D C Davidson, A. B. Champion, N. J Black, J. A. Cox, F. F. Bilby. The interment was at Mt Zion cemetery.

The funeral of Miss Bertha Bear was held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the Boiling Springs church Rev. Mr Huston conducted the services, and the services were largely attended. The pall bearers were six cousins, Frank Trentman, Brice J. Bear, Walter S. Bear, Otto Bear, Leonard Bear and Roy Rankin. The interment was at Boiling Springs cemetery.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, It has pleased our heavenly father to remove from our midst our well beloved sister and co-worker in Christ, Annie Adell Neiman, and as she was a faithful member of the Y. P. S. C. E of the Church of God of this city, therefore,

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to Him "who doeth all things well," and that we extend to our sister's parents, brother and other friends our sincere sympathy in their bereavement

J. Bernard,
Lottie E. Fritz,
Ida Hugenberger.

Town Collector's Bonds

The following town collectors filed their bonds in the office of the circuit clerk today:

Lowell A. Smith, Milam township, $10,077 61, bondsmen, J. P. Brimley, B. O. McReynolds and E. H. Roby.

D. S. Weigel, Hickory Point township, $39,445 38, bondsmen, Samuel Weaver, James Millikin, O. B. Gorin, J. M. Brownback

Hayden Veach, Oakley township, $14,488 98, bondsmen, George Veach, James Millikin, O. B. Gorin, J M. Brownback

Sold Out His Interest.

Roy Bondure, of the firm of Bondure & Florey, has sold out his interest in the bloodhounds to William Armsworth of Cerro Gordo. The firm name will now be Armsworth & Florey. The dogs owned by Bondure and Florey are Rattler and Topsy. During the year that they have owned the animals they have trailed 49 men and have been quite successful in their work.

Married in Chicago.

Herman Martin of this city and Mrs. Effie Miehl were married in Chicago on Tuesday. They will make their home in Decatur.

The January term of the circuit court will begin next Monday afternoon, when the grand jury will go on duty again.

SUDDEN SUMMONS.

Mrs. E. B. Trull, Aged 86 Years, Found Dead in Her Easy Chair.

HAD LIVED IN DECATUR SINCE 1857

Death was Swift—Left Alive by Mrs. Reed and Discovered Lifeless a Few Moments Later — Sketch of Her Life.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

Mrs. E. B. Trull, mother-in-law of I N. Cool, died shortly after 9 o'clock this morning while sitting in her chair, of heart disease. Mrs. Trull had been infirm for the past three or four years, but was feeling as well as usual yesterday and this morning. Following her custom of the last few years she took her breakfast in bed and ate very heartily. She had arisen and taken possession of her easy chair to arrange her hair. She had just finished the adjusting of her morning cap when the summons came, silently, swiftly and sure, death being instantaneous Mrs Reed, the housekeeper, had gone up stairs for a few moments and found her dead upon her return, the head slightly inclined to one side, being the only evidence that the dread death messenger had come and gone.

Mrs. Trull was born at New Boston, N H., on June 6, 1813. She was married to Butler Trull and came to Decatur in 1857 and went to housekeeping in the house at 925 South Clinton street, where her death occurred, she having lived at this place during her entire residence in Decatur, over 40 years. Her husband died in August, 1864. Two step children survive her, A. D Trull of Wayne, Ill, and James Trull of Turner's Junction, Ill. Her surviving grand children are Dean and Annie Cool of Decatur, Sadie T Dean, Arthur Dean and Robert Dean of Glenellyn, Ill.

Mrs. Trull was a pioneer of Decatur and although in the 86th year of her age was active and much interested in all current events of the day, never failing to read the daily papers and taking especial note of subjects of interest both locally and nationally. The typical New England ruggedness was an especial characteristic of her family as two brothers, one 89 years and another 80 years of age, survive her, also a sister who is 87 years old, all living at the present time at her old home at New Boston, N. H.

There will be a coroner's inquest this evening. Her physician, Dr. Everett J. Brown, was immediately summoned this morning but was out of the city and as there were no hopes of resuscitation he was not called when he returned

The funeral services will be held at her residence, and burial will be made at Greenwood, but the time of the funeral has not yet been decided upon.

MARKET REPORT.

BY B. Z. TAYLOR.

CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 6

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Yesterday
Wheat—					
Jan	—	—	—	89⅝	90⅝
May	91⅛	91⅛	90⅛	90⅝	91⅜
July	83⅝	83	82	82⅝	83
Corn—					
Jan	—	—	—	26½	26⅝
May	29⅝	29¾	29	29⅛	29⅝
July	30	30⅛	30	30⅛	30⅜
Oats—					
Jan	—	—	—	21	21
May	23⅛	—	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛
	—	23⅛	—	—	—
Pork—					
May	9 15	9 35	9 12½	9 35	9 20
Lard					
May	4 82½	4 90	4 82½	4 90	4 82½
Ribs—					
May	4 62½	4 70	4 62½	4 70	4 65

May wheat: Puts, 90; Calls, 91¼; Curb, 90⅝.

To-Day's Receipts—Car Lots.

Wheat—26, Estimated, 75, a year ago, —.
Corn—256, Estimated, 350; a year ago, —.
Oats—226, Estimated, 350, a year ago, —.

Estimates for To-Morrow.

Wheat, 80; Corn, 650, Oats, 300.

Hogs

Hog receipts, 43,000. Estimated 41,000.
Market 5c lower.
Light $3 45@3 57½; Mixed, $3 40@3 62½, Heavy $3 45@3 60, Rough, $3 35@3.45.
Estimated for to-morrow, 42,000.

Cattle.

Cattle receipts, 10,500. Market steady to lower

When wear begins to exceed repair in your body you are going to fall sick. The signs of it are: loss of flesh, paleness, weakness, nervousness, etc. The repair needed is food. You think you eat enough, and yet you feel that you wear out more tissue, energy, nerve force, than your food make for you. The difficulty is that you do not digest enough. And this is so serious it is worth sitting down seriously to think about. If you can't digest what you eat, take a few doses of Shaker Digestive Cordial. The effect of it will be to increase your flesh and make you feel stronger You won't fall sick. Proof that it is in control of your repair apparatus. It's easy enough to test this for yourself. Take a few bottles of Shaker Digestive Cordial.

Sold by druggists at 10 cents to $1 00 per bottle

The Greatest Discovery Yet.

W. M. Repine, editor Tiskilwa, Ill., "Chief," says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, etc." It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures and besides is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottles free at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's drug stores.

There were 37 deaths in Decatur during December, one for every thousand of the city's population.

Unheard of Bargains in Silks

100 pieces of Fancy and Plain Two Toned Silks, all colors, at 25c a yard, in dress lengths.
Roman Stripe Silks, new combinations, at 25c yard.
Fancy Wash China Silks, new patterns for 1898, at 25c yard.
50 pieces of pure Silk Brocades, in new colorings, at 49c yard.
One lot of choice Brocaded Silks, regular $1 grade, at 58c yard.
Colored Taffeta Silks, all shades, the 75c, 85c and 90c grades, for 65c yd.
One lot of Black Brocaded Silks and Black Taffeta Silk at 68c yard.
50 pieces of Black Peau de Soi Silks, in skirt lengths, at 75c yard.
One lot of fine Brocade Silks, in fancy evening shades, at 75c yard.
One lot of high-grade Fancy Plaid Silks, worth $1.50 to $2.00 a yard, in short pieces for waists, at 88c yard.
24-inch Extra Heavy Brocade Silk, $1.25 quality, at 95c yard.

CHOICE DRESS GOODS--Under Value.

One lot of Bright Plaid Dress Goods, 27 inches wide, at 7c yard.
50 pieces of Fancy Plaids, in choice dark colors, at 10c yard.
27-inch Brocaded Novelty Wool Filled Dress Goods at 9c yard.
500 yards of Wool Mixed Brocaded Dress Goods, all navy blue, a regular 20c quality, 28 inches wide, at 13c yard.
20 pieces of 36-inch Black Wool Serge, 25c grade, at 18c yard.
88 pieces of assorted Winter Dress Goods, in all wool and mixed wool fabrics, regular price 50c, 60c and 75c a yard, all marked to close out at 35c yard.
One lot of All Wool Mixed Covert Cloths, 75c grade, at 50c yard.
Imported Novelty Dress Goods, in two-toned, colors and black novelties, at 50c yard.
50 pieces 54-inch Fine All Wool Dress Goods, in choice new shades, worth $1.00 to $1.50 a yard, all marked to close out at 75c yard.

DRESS PATTERNS.

50 Dress Patterns, were $9.00, $10.00 and $12, all reduced to $6.50 a pattern.

Bradley Bros
Dry Goods and Millinery
Decatur Ill.

20 Per Cent.

Discount Sale!

In order to entirely clean out our present stock of Winter wear, we will give you one-fifth off on every Overcoat, Suit, Reefer, Pant and Heavy Underwear for Man, Boy or Child, which we have. In Kersey and Milton Overcoats, we are selling many of them at the price which we must pay for new ones, owing to advances in the cost of both material and labor, and at a discount of 20 per cent. from our prices they are remarkably cheap. This is your time to lay in a supply. We court comparison on prices.

B. STINE CLOTHING CO.

241-249 N. WATER ST., NEXT TO BRADLEY BROS.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

Introduction of Bills—Senatorial Apportionment Measure Advanced.

Springfield, Ill., January 5.—In the senate the senatorial apportionment bill was read a second time and advanced to third reading.

Berry introduced his amended revenue bill

Fitzpatrick introduced a bill imposing a tax of two per cent on the gross receipts of insurance companies doing business in the state. Referred. Adjourned.

In the house Saylor introduced a bill making it the duty of the safety deposit companies to furnish the assessor on the 1st day of May, a list of all box owners, and making it the duty of the assessor to learn from such owners the contents of such boxes and assess the same at a fair cash value. Referred.

The house went into committee of the whole for the purpose of discussing the Berry revenue bill. The Democrats demanded the consideration of the Compton bill, the Democratic measure. After a long wrangle it was decided that both measures be discussed. Debate turned on the question of whether the present system of township assessors shall be retained or, as provided in the bill, county assessors be provided for. Without reaching any conclusion a recess was taken till 3 p. m.

Not a Dependant Person.

On evidence submitted Judge Hammer has decided that Abram Garver is not a dependent person. Mr. Garver receives a pension of $6 a month. He is now boarding with Samuel Goodrich. Mr. Garver drew his share of the David Garver estate before David died, and later received $3000 in addition to his share.

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TAKEN TO CHICAGO.

William Taylor, Alias Horine, Wanted for Stealing Diamonds from Hyde Park Residences.

WAS ARRESTED IN DECATUR

Last Saturday on a Telegram from Chicago Chief of Detectives—Wanted for Attempt to Murder at Peoria.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

A. J. Rohan, Jr., of the Chicago detective force, came to Decatur last night and returned at noon today with William Taylor, alias Horine, who is wanted for jumping his bond and for grand larceny. The prisoner's right name is William Taylor, but he goes under the names of William Horine, B. Taylor, J. Ward and W. S. Crosby. He is a smooth crook and has managed for several months past to evade the police. Last July he entered a residence in Hyde Park, Chicago, and stole some watches and diamonds. He was arrested in the act and was put under a bond of $1500, some of his friends going his security. When Taylor was released he skipped out and the Chicago officers have been looking for him. He was located in Decatur and Saturday night Captain Mutheshaugh and Officer Keoppe arrested him at Wilson & Rawley's saloon on a telegram from the chief of detectives at Chicago. The Chicago authorities were notified at once and Officer Rohan came to Decatur last night to get the man. He says Taylor is a smooth man, in fact, so smooth that it has always been hard to convict him, but that this time they have him sure.

Taylor is known to have a wife, Mrs. Horine, living at 318 Fayette street, Peoria. Taylor is wanted in Peoria for an attempted murder last spring. In May Marshal Mason received a letter from the sheriff at Peoria asking that Taylor be arrested but the sheriff supposed that the Decatur police knew the man and gave no description of him. He will first be disposed of at Chicago and it is very likely that he will be sent to the penitentiary. Taylor was arrested once at Indianapolis with a fine kit of tools in his possession, but nothing could be proved against him at the time nor he was released. He is better known in Decatur by the name of Horine. He has been in the city for the past three weeks, but has also been here before several times

ROBBERY AT MT. ZION.

Man Employed at the Farm of W. D. Mumm Steals a Gun and Some Clothing.

There was a robbery last night at the home of W. D. Mumm, three and one half miles west of Mt. Zion. Frank Ferrel, a man who was employed by Mr. Mumm, took about $15 worth of property and skipped out during the night. He stole an overcoat and some other clothing and a Winchester rifle. The police were notified and descriptions of the man have been sent out to the neighboring towns. Ferrel has a dark complexion and wears a heavy mustache. Mr Mumm has offered a reward of $5 for the capture of the man.

Coroner's Inquest.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

Last night Deputy Coroner Roy Bondurc held an inquest over the body of Irene, the 18 months old daughter of Mr and Mrs. R. V. Mallory, at the residence, 1837 Whitney avenue. The mother of the child testified that the child had been playing with a bottle of tablets and that she took some of them and grew ill and died. The father of the child testified that he had bought the tablets from a doctor at Pontiac about four months ago and that they contained nux vomica and phosphorus. He took a few of the tablets and thought that the remainder had been destroyed. The bottle was given the child by her sister for a plaything. Dr. Dixon, who attended the child, testified that death was due to the poison in the tablets. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the child came to her death by strychnine poison. The jury was composed of Dr. James L. Stevens, foreman, Dr. W. A. Dixon, W. E. Briggs, J. H. Rainey, R. C. Lefergue and J. F. Dowell

The remains were taken this morning at 11 o'clock to Riverton, Ill where the funeral will be held and the burial will take place

The Death Record.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

Mrs. Phila Parker died at 1 30 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Carder boarding house. Deceased was the wife of Thomas H. Parker, who is connected with the Review. The lady had been ill for nearly two months, but was not considered to be in a serious condition until about a week ago. She was prostrated by a complication of malaria and typhoid fever. Mrs. Parker had been a resident of Decatur two years and had formed many pleasant acquaintances Her maiden name was Phila Burtch. She was the daughter of William Burtch, formerly a well to do merchant at Vincennes, Ind. Thirty years ago she was married to Thomas B. Parker at that place. She leaves two children, Arthur K. Parker and Stacy B. Parker, both of Chicago. The latter is now in Decatur. She leaves two sisters, Mrs. W. D. Lewis of Indianapolis, who will arrive this morning, and Mrs. F. B. Laughlin of Pittsburg. She leaves a brother, Lyman Burtch at Vincennes, Ind.

Samuel Heft, owner of 160 acres of improved land in Austin township, died of kidney disease on Monday aged 70 years He leaves four sons and three daughters. Four of the children are married. He also leaves three brothers and two sisters —Emanuel, who lives in Nebraska, Mrs. Mary Hurd of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Peter Heft of Pottawattomie county, Iowa, Joshua Heft and Mrs. Sarah Jane Hurd of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Samuel Heft was born in Fairfield county, Iowa, August 21, 1828 The family settled in Pottawattamie county, Iowa, in 1856. Samuel spent his boyhood on his father's farm, working in the summer and attending district school in the winter months On April 10, 1853, he married Miss Elizabeth Davis of Shelby county, Ohio. She died January 27, 1877. The funeral was held today from the family home.

Death of a Child.

Edward Richard Sanford, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sanford, died at 8 a. m., January 4, at the family home, 968 East North street, of membraneous croup. The funeral, which will be private, will be held at the residence at 2 p. m., January 5.

FAILURE OF JOHN W. YOUNG.

He Made an Voluntary Assignment This Afternoon in the County Court—John A. Dawson Assignee.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

John W. Young, who has been conducting a five and ten cent store in the Ennis building on North Water street, near North Park street, this afternoon made a voluntary assignment in the county court. John A Dawson was named as assignee. There were no Decatur creditors. In all there were 56 creditors and the total liabilities amount to $3731.55. The assets are as follows Stock of goods $871.39, store fixtures $98, bills receivable $296.08, total assets $768 47.

The store has only been in existence for about two weeks. Formerly the proprietor, J. W. Young, was connected with Evans S. Young & Co. The following are the creditors whose claims are more than $75:

Bawo and Dotter, New York, $78.68.

Consolidated Lamp and Gas Company of Pennsylania, $103.30.

Fostoria Glass Company, West Virginia, $130.71.

Abram French Co of Boston, $106.35.

Gonder and Paeschke Mfg. Co., Milwaukee, $81 64.

Henry H. Goddard, New York, $400.

Hollweg and Reese, Indianapolis, $136.

McKee and Bros, Pittsburg, $152.79.

Strauss and Sons, New York, $234.68.

East Palestine Pottery Co, East Palestine, Ohio, $111 69.

United States Glass Co., $89.50.

S. A. Weller, Zanesville, Ohio, $220.

Rose E. Young, New York, $1100.

HUNTING FATALITY.

Joseph Hershey Comes to His Death Near Blue Mound.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

Joseph Hershey, a farmer in Christian county, seven miles northwest of Blue Mound, was accidentally killed Monday afternoon. He took his gun and started from his house to hunt rabbits and when but a short distance from the house the family heard the report of the gun and immediately afterward heard him calling and to a daughter who got to him first he spoke a few words, telling her that he slipped on the ice and fell, accidentally discharging the gun, the shot entering his left side near the heart. Those were the only words he spoke and after a few struggles and gasps he expired.

Deceased was a member of the Woodman camp and also the Home Forum, holding a paid up policy for $3000 in the former and $1000 in the latter. Members of the camp will look after the arrangements for the funeral, which will take place Wednesday.

Counterfeiters at Pana.

William Hatfield of Shelbyville, and Charles Orey of Vandalia, were arrested at Pana yesterday on the charge of attempting to pass counterfeit silver dollars on Agent C. L. Antisdel, at the union depot. Orey came into the depot and asked for a ticket to Shelbyville It was given him and he tendered a silver dollar, which Mr. Antisdel pronounced counterfeit. Orey put it in his pocket and offered another silver dollar, which the agent said was also counterfeit. Orey put the two dollars in a bag of money and paid for the ticket with good money. Hatfield was awaiting Orey outside. The officers were notified and the two men were arrested. Orey had about $10 in dollars and half dollars, which were considered spurious. Officer Kiely telegraphed the arrest to the United States authorities at Springfield.

Sales of Real Estate.

Conrad Ammann to Amanda S. Tolliday, the east half of lot 5 in block 8 of E. B. Durfee's third addition to Decatur; $600

Laura A. Evans to E R Moffett, 50 acres off of the north end of 78 acres off the east side of the northeast quarter of 5, 15, 1 east; $3750.

Robert B Ennis to Louie H. Ennis, quit claim deed to the north half of 19, 17, 3 east, $1.

Dr. R. C. Bayly to Ella Rose Bayly, quit claim deed to the north half of lot 8 in block 6 of Durfee and King's addition to Decatur; $1000.

Confession.

Charles A. Hankins vs. Charles E. Deetz; confession. Judgment by confession for $186.09 and costs. Immediate execution awarded.

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Our Neighbors

Maroa.

J. L. Hill of Delavan spent Sunday with his parents, J. D. Hill and wife.

Mrs. E. Marquis and daughter, Miss Grace, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Currier. Miss Marquis left Monday for Galesburg, where she is attending school.

Miss Stella Craig of Decatur was the guest of Maroa relatives Friday, en route to Kenney to visit her brother, Dr. Will Craig and wife.

Lee Shepard and wife of Shelbyville returned to their home Thursday after a visit with Will Schultz and family.

Mrs. Scott Evans and children returned Thursday from a visit with relatives at Danville.

Henry Barger returned Wednesday from a business trip to Webster City, Iowa.

Dr. Anderson and bride left Wednesday for St. Louis, New Orleans and other southern points. On their return they will begin housekeeping in the Grady property vacated by Henry Alsbury.

Miss Vada Mayall returned to her studies at Knox College, Galesburg, on Monday.

Logan Camp has leased the building now occupied by R D. Bolon as a barber shop and will open a harness shop.

Pratt Nelson returned Saturday from Wichita, Kan.

Miss Mary Mayall of Argenta returned home Friday after a visit with Mrs. Mary Mayall and family

J. J. Mitchell sold his restaurant to Henry Alsbury, who has taken possession. Mr. Mitchell and family moved to Smithville.

Mrs Pratt Nelson and daughter, Etta, returned Friday from Chicago.

Mrs. F L. Hobbs entertained friends Saturday evening in honor of Miss Nellie Mayhew

Robert L. Gorman spent Sunday with Warrensburg friends.

Mrs. Jessie Bohrer Kinnamon of Fairbury, Neb, is the guest of her parents, Mr and Mrs. F. E. Bohrer.

E. Timm has gone to Vera, where he has a position as section foreman on the Illinois Central.

Mrs. George Crocker, Pane Crocker and Misses Elsie and Bernice Crocker returned to Springfield Saturday, after spending the holidays with relatives at Maroa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barnett have moved to their farm near Mowequa.

John I. Smith and wife have moved from Weldon to the Elizabeth Young property.

The week of prayer is being observed at the Methodist and Presbyterian churches

Dick Camp and family of Gifford and Miss Etna Camp of Chicago spent the holidays with Mrs S Camp and family.

The fourth annual supper of the young men of the Presbyterian church at the home of Captain and Mrs J. M. Persinger, Thursday evening, was well attended A program which was enjoyed by all present was given at 8:30.

Elder Lloyd Newcomer of the Christian church left Monday for Sheldon to assist in a series of meetings already begun at that place. During his absence Rev. Harry Barnett of Sheldon will occupy the pulpit of the Christian church.

Mrs. Hattie Huff and daughter, Gwyneth, left Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Alice Barracks at Paxton.

Miss Nellie Mayhew of Springfield returned home Sunday, after a visit with Frank Hobbs and family.

Milmine.

William Snyder transacted business in Decatur Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Steele of Bement spent New Years at Mr. William Bowdle's south of town.

The Wabash railroad company is getting ready to lay another track between here and Bement.

Phillips Bros. take charge of the west elevator this week, formerly owned and operated by S. M. Postlewait & Co.

Mr J. E. McCord of Bloomington was here Tuesday on business.

Joseph R. Noe is the new clerk at T. O. Holcomb's.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hamman visited over Sunday with relatives in Clinton.

W. P. McLaughlin transacted business in Monticello Tuesday.

The revival meetings at the Christian church continues with good interest. Rev. Bennett preaches very forcible and logical sermons.

Rev. De Fur of the Christian church went to his regular appointment at Moncio, Ill, last Sunday.

Mrs. Mollie East and L. Hendrickson attended the Church of God C. E convention at Bearsdale last week

Thomas Pocker and wife of Jacksonville visited here last week with the family of R Dobson and other relatives.

Oreana.

Miss Lida Feeler departed Monday for Champaign, where she will remain for some time

C F. James has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs L. Barnes returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Champaign.

Mrs. O. S. Morrison and daughter, Delia, returned home Monday after a few days' visit with relatives in Champaign.

Mrs Dr. Dixon of Decatur returned home Sunday, after a visit with her parents, R Kirby and family.

Several around here are beginning to put up ice.

Samuel Stewart and sister, Miss May, attended a surprise party on Mrs. Maud Benton in Forsyth Friday evening.

Mr Owing and Miss Bennet of Decatur spent New Year's with friends here.

Bearsdale.

A number of the friends and neighbors of Rev. O B Huston gathered at his home Monday, January 3, to remind him that it was his 40th birthday. An elegant dinner was served at 1 o'clock, to which all did justice All took their departure about 4 o'clock in the evening, wishing Rev. Huston many happy returns of the day.

Roy Rankin of Monticello is visiting relatives here.

Miss Bertha Bear, only daughter of A. S. Bear of Decatur, was buried at Rolling Springs cemetery Tuesday, January 4, at 3 p. m

Miss Ada Moore was given a pleasant surprise by her young friends Monday evening.

Mr. Charles Carr and Miss Bertha Butt were married Wednesday, December 29, at 5 p. m., at the home of the bride, one mile north of Bearsdale. After March 1 they will reside two miles north of Harristown.

Mrs A. J. Conover and little son visited in Decatur last week.

Corn is coming in with a rush now that we are getting cars again.

Cerro Gordo.

Little Harold Patterson was quite sick the first of the week.

There was a festival Friday at the Ridge school house, Miss Carmean teacher. The proceeds are to be used in replenishing the library.

A few from here attended watch meetings at Lake City Friday night.

Mr. William Snyder of Warrensburg visited friends in this vicinity over Sunday.

Mrs. Todd and her brother, William Collins, arrived home Friday from spending the holidays with relatives at Danville.

T. C. Buxton, Earle and Bertha Smith were in Decatur Monday night to see "Hamlet."

A child of Jacob Sheets died last week and was buried Saturday at Long Creek. The disease was pronounced diphtheria and Long Creek school is closed for the week.

J E. Underwood and family came home Friday from a week's visit with friends and relatives at Warrensburg.

Niantic

The funeral of Albert Hill, who died at St. Mary's hospital, took place at the M. E. church in Niantic Friday morning. It was one of the saddest, sweet at funerals ever held here. Rev. Curse preached an excellent discourse and sang a beautiful solo, "Looking This Way." The church was draped in white and decorated with flowers and evergreens. Part of the Christmas decorations were used. Albert was an exceptionally good boy and his death was a most beautiful one. A lovely floral pillow, the gift of his teacher and schoolmates, rested on the casket. The pall bearers were six of his schoolmates, John Nuttolmann, Noah Jacobsen, Earl Smith, Charlie Blackenship, Otto Brook and Hervey Cussins. Prof. M E. Lockhart, his teacher, and all his classmates followed the casket next after the family. The large audience was in full sympathy with the bereaved mother, brothers and sisters. The interment took place at Long Point.

Harry Clark was taken to Kankakee insane asylum by Richard Smith Monday.

Mrs. I. N. Vance of Springfield spent Sunday with J. M. Hawk's family.

W. T. Wrie and Miss Cora Beck were married Wednesday at the residence of Richard Beck, the bride's father. The ceremony was performed by Elder Ennefer. Only relatives and a few intimate friends were present.

Misses Ruth Seelig of Decatur and Allie Porter of Bourbon spent Sunday here.

Miss Ollie Judd returned home to Farmer City Saturday.

Mrs Mame Richardson is home from Farmer City.

Dalton City.

Peter Grounds returned home last week from a two weeks' visit in the southwest.

Miner Hale transacted business in Sullivan last week

J. W. McIntire visited Decatur last week

Mike Sullivan was shopping in Decatur last week

J. H Nolan, Mike Nolan, John Duggan, Thomas Duggan spent Christmas in Decatur

Born, to Mr and Mrs Roy Blunt, January 1, a daughter.

Dr Wilson of this place reports a son born to Mr. and Mrs William Morrison of Lake City

William Cook of Ohio spent New Year's with his brother, L. P. Cook of this place.

J W Golden of Broadland, Ill, spent the holidays with Mr and Mrs. William Smith of this place.

Billie McClure built a new ice house last week.

Frank Garrett moved to his new residence last week

Miss Tillie Martin returned to Decatur Monday.

James Mayes returned to St. Louis Monday after spending the holidays with his father and mother.

John Sheehy transacted business in Decatur last week

Richard Nolan of Iowa spent the holidays with his folks and left Monday for his home

C. Washam of Mt. Zion was on our streets Monday

W. D. E. McClure is very low at present with a cancer.

L R Wilson of Ohio is back to his old place in the Arcade restaurant, working for S. A. Duggan.

Miss Cora Smith visited Decatur Monday.

Miss Maggie Nolan visited Decatur Monday.

Comodore Hook and wife of Lovington spent the holidays with Mr and Mrs. John Sheet.

Mr. and Mrs Glen Williamson left Tuesday for a month's visit in the southern part of the state

Ed Sheehy of Bethany was on our streets Tuesday

Al Best returned Tuesday from a visit in St Louis with his brother, Charley.

Clyde Sturges is learning the barber trade under Ben Lester.

Miss Lizzie Brennan returned from Bloomington Tuesday.

Thomas Duggan and Frank Evans hauled baled straw to Decatur Tuesday

Abe Riggin of Decatur was on our streets Tuesday

Rev Father McGowan had a public sale of stock and implements Tuesday

Blue Mound.

Walt Turner is attending court at Taylorville this week

C. M Scooner has taken Orland Abrams into partnership with him in the cabinet and upholstering business.

Steve Rankin has had a two room addition built on to his dwelling house and the old part thoroughly repaired, which makes it a very neat and cosy dwelling.

While Earl Cottrell was at work on the section yesterday a heavy rail turned suddenly, catching his foot and bruising it pretty severely.

Mrs. B F. Burgo was in Decatur on business Monday.

Mrs. Henry Hurst will move to Decatur soon and occupy a house with her mother, Mrs. O. R. App

Rev Clements spent New Year's with his grandmother, Mrs. John Trainor, in Decatur, returning home Monday evening.

Frank W. Abrams is canvassing for Stark Bros of Louisiana, Mo, nursery stock

Frank Stewart went to Taylorville Tuesday morning to be in attendance at court.

The Farmers' Mutual Insurance company held an election here Tuesday at which the following officers were elected: President, B. J Yarnall; secretary, W. H. Bean; directors, Frances Stewart, L. F Drake and Sylvester Schrantz.

J. R Mogerstine, collector for Pleasant View, received his book Saturday and is now giving the people a chance to pay their taxes.

It is said that not less than 19 dwelling houses in town escape taxation this year by reason of a mistake of the assessor in valuing the lots on which they are situated as unimproved lots.

At the meeting of the village board Monday evening a committee of three consisting of J. D. Bottrell, J. C. Sragne and E. E. Stover, were appointed to interview the citizens of the village and ascertain their feeling regarding the establishing of an electric plant system and report at a meeting to be held in the council room on Monday evening, January 17, at which time it is hoped that some definite arrangements will be made regarding the enterprise.

A protracted meeting was begun Sunday at the C P. church by Rev Mr. Berger, who is said to be a very successful revivalist

Ozie McKinnis of Taylorville is visiting friends in Blue Mound for a few days.

Mrs. W. H Benshie visited friends in Stonington Wednesday

R. H. Woodcock of Macon drove over this morning and took the 7:30 train for Taylorville. He is a witness in the case of the Kyner heirs against Philip Bell which case is set for today.

John T. Kester has taken the grammar department in the Blue Mound schools, made vacant by the dismissal of O. M. Evans.

Dwight Shick began teaching the Salem school, six miles northwest of Blue Mound Monday morning in place of John Kester, resigned.

Pleasant View township will have a candidate for county treasurer next fall in the person of Joseph Miller, the Blue Mound clothier.

Earl Cottrell, the section hand, who got his foot mashed by a heavy rail turning on it on Monday, will be taken to the Wabash hospital today for treatment.

Argenta.

Mrs. Elmer Hilbrant and family of Clinton have returned home after a week's visit with relatives.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs Will Hartman Sunday, January 2, a son

Mrs S Moore of Clinton, who has been visiting relatives, has returned home.

Miss Edith Cross was unable to teach school Monday.

Miss Mae Felser is visiting at White Heath.

Mrs. R. Coulter left Monday to attend the funeral of her grandchild, Miss Bertha Bear of Decatur.

Lawrence Jimison has returned from Mt Vernon, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. William Nodine, who have been visiting relatives returned to their home in Springfield Monday.

Rev. Jeffers, is conducting revival meeting, at Wesley chapel, four miles southeast of this place.

Mrs. Blanche Shuery is visiting relatives at Decatur.

Mrs J. Hofacre was called to Robinson, Ill, to attend the funeral of her father.

Traughber Funeral.

The funeral of Mrs. Lizzie Traughber, who died Monday at her home at Mt Zion, was held Tuesday at 11.30 a. m. from the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Mt. Zion. Rev. N. M. Baker of Lincoln, was expected to conduct the services, but sickness prevented his being present and the funeral was conducted by Rev. D. W Check, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev A. W. Hawkins of Decatur. There was a large attendance, many coming from Decatur and from quite a distance in the country

Marriage Licenses

Mason M. Phillips, Dalton City, 47.
Sadie Smith Mt. Zion, 39.

I. H. Potter, Decatur, 26.
Henrietta Leighton, Decatur, 22.

John Baumgartner Warrensburg, 29.
Ida A. Albert, Warrensburg, 19.

Lemuel Perry, Sangamon, 27.
Susan F. Corey, Decatur township, 91.

Births.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brovatski, of 1138 North Clayton street, on January 4, a son.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Prices Paid in Decatur for Grain, Poultry and Eggs—Latter are Scarce and High.

The prices of poultry have gone down since the holidays and for that reason very little is being sold to the dealers by the farmers. Those who have poultry to dispose of are holding back in the hopes that the price will go up. The following prices are paid for live poultry by Max Atlas: Hens 5c, springs 5c, stags 4c, hen turkeys 8c, gobblers 7c, old toms 6c, ducks and geese 5c.

Eggs.

Eggs are scarce now and the prices high. The dealers pay 16 cents per dozen for them. This is a bad season for eggs and if it grows colder the price will probably go up but if it gets warmer the price may go down Very few eggs are offered by the farmers.

Grain.

The following prices are paid for grain by the Shellabarger Mill and Elevator company: Wheat 90 cents per bushels, No. 2 88 cents, white corn 22 cents, mixed corn 22 cents, white oats 20 cents, mixed oats 18 cents, rye 36.

Hides and Tallow.

Max Atlas pays 7½ cents per pound for hides and 3 cents for tallow.

In the County Court.

In the county court today the case of Melinda Converse charged with keeping a bawdy house, disorderly conduct, etc, was on trial before Judge Hammer. Attorney A. H. Mills prosecuted the case and Attorney Redmon appeared for the defense A jury was secured this afternoon and it is likely that the case will not be concluded until tomorrow.

The Faunce Case.

Formal application has been made for the pardon of Ephriam Faunce, who was sent for life to the penitentiary from Macon county for the murder of Mat McKinley, July 3, 1889. The application is to be considered at the January term of the state board of pardons, which will convene on January 11. R. A. Lemon of Clinton, E. J. Murphy of East St. Louis and E. A. Snively of Springfield, are members of the board, and R. N. McCurley secretary.

Death of W. R. Abbott's Father.

This afternoon W. R. Abbott, senior member of the jewelry firm of W. R. Abbott & Co, received a telegram stating that his father, Alexander S. Abbott, had died at his home at London, Ont The deceased was in the 86th year of his age His death was not unexpected. The old gentleman was a retired business man. Previous to 10 or 12 years ago he had visited Decatur on several occasions Mr Abbott will leave tonight for London to attend the funeral.

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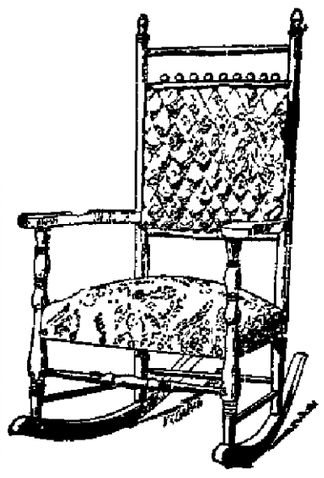

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Office of "Kingfisher Times,"
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GENTLEMEN—I believe it my duty to write you a line in regard to the beneficial effect of Phelps' "Four C Remedy," so far as I am personally concerned. A week ago last Thursday, I was taken with a severe attack of la grippe and in a short time became so hoarse I could not speak above a whisper. The night previous I coughed nearly the entire night; just before retiring I took a teaspoonful, and slept the entire night as sweetly as ever I did in my life, not coughing once. I was entirely relieved before taking one bottle. Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure should be in every household in the land. I send you this wholly unsolicited by any one, for you are benefactors of the race in giving it the antidote for some of the worst affections to which it is heir. Very truly yours,
C. J. NEWBITT, Editor.

A MIRACLE.

Kansas City, Kansas, Dec. 2, '94.

Last Friday, Dec. 1, my attending physician stated that unless I was better by morning he could do nothing for my relief. That night I commenced taking Phelps' "Four C" Remedy, stopped all other medicines. The first dose stopped my cough, I slept and rested well, a few more doses removed all soreness from my lungs. The second day I was up, the third day I was out on the porch and today was up town purchasing holiday goods.
MISS JENNIE BARRETT,
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J. B. HUDING, Manager,
Office Commercial Printing Co.,
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Chicago, Nov. 24, '94.

R. R. Phelps, Esq., City.

DEAR SIR:—I wish to bear testimony to the great efficacy of your "Four C" remedy in throat and lung ailments. As a rule I have been skeptical of the merits of proprietary medicines, but have to confess that a test of your "Four C" is convincing that at least one ready made remedy is worthy of use. My children all take it without the least objection, from oldest to youngest, and is particularly noticeable that benefit is almost immediate. A single dose will check most coughs in their bordering; it gives an unbroken rest at night. In my family "Four C" is simply indispensable and I recommend it unqualifiedly.
Yours, J. B. HUDING.

ACUTE LARNYGITIS.

Chicago, Sept. 25, '95.

For years back each winter I have suffered with acute larnygitis. Last winter was so bad I could not leave my room for two weeks or could not speak above a whisper. I tried every known cough prominition from cough drops up and down with no relief, then in desperation I was induced to try Phelps' "Four C." The first dose relieved my cough, giving me the best night's rest for weeks. Half the bottle cured me. I have never been without this wonderful remedy since. It's as different from other like remedies as molasses from vinegar of sugar from sand. MRS. JOSEPH E. GRUBB,
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IT IS A MIRACLE.

Conductor Eckard, the Railroad Correspondent of the Neodasha Kansas Register, has this to say: ("Four C.") Phelps is having a wonderful sale of his Cough and Cold Remedy. We personally know it is just what it is represented to be. Too much cannot be said in its praise. It is a miracle."

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HANNA AND DAY.

Status of the Battle for the Senatorial Toga in the State of Ohio.

CLAIMS AND COUNTER CLAIMS

Judge Day a Possibility in Case Senator Hanna Drops Out of the Contest—First Ballot on January 12th.

Columbus, Ohio, January 3.—Much interest was manifested this morning in the organization of the state legislature, as it was considered practically to forecast Mark Hanna's chance to succeed himself as United States senator. The contest in the house was between Mason, anti-Hanna man, and Boxwell, the Hanna candidate. The first ballot resulted: Mason 55, Boxwell 53. Mason was declared elected amid great excitement. All were present in the senate except Bourke and Cleveland, anti-Hanna Republicans, and Voight, fusionist, from Cincinnati. The vote stood 18 to 17 in favor of the Democrats, who elected all officers.

It is conceded that Speaker Mason will dispense all patronage of the house in the interest of McKisson and Bushnell and against Hanna, and with the state executive also against him, Hanna's defeat is conceded, unless radical changes are made within the next week.

The result of the organization of the legislature has revived rumors that he Hanna men would combine with the gold Democrats for the election of Calvin S. Brice, gold Democrat, rather than have Mayor McKisson and Governor Bushnell elected for the long and short terms as silver Republicans.

News at Washington.

Washington, January 3.—The news of the election of Mason as speaker of the house was taken to the white house by the Associated Press and carried by Secretary Porter immediately to the president. The latter expressed the greatest interest in the news and discussed the probable effect on Hanna's candidacy with a number of members of congress present. Assistant Secretary Day returned this morning from Canton. He positively denied that his name will be substituted for Hanna's as a candidate for the senate. He expressed the belief that Hanna will be elected in spite of the election of Mason.

Talk by Day.

Pittsburg, Pa., January 3.—Judge W. R. Day, assistant secretary of state, who was here last night on his way back to Washington from Canton, confidently claimed the election of Mr. Hanna to the senate. He said: 'There is not the slightest reason for believing otherwise than that Mr. Hanna will jump over the combination of Kurtz and the Democracy. The majority will be ample. I am not in a position to give figures. The people in Columbus can do that. Mr. Kurtz attempts to mislead when he points to the caucus vote on Boxwell for speaker as proof that Mr. Hanna will be beaten. Mr. Boxwell has a few enemies among the very men who are most zealous in supporting Mr. Hanna. Whether Mr. Boxwell is elected or not, I am certain Mr. Hanna will be."

Judge Day would not say that Wednesday's caucus would settle the senatorial fight.

"I only look at the ultimate result when I claim Mr. Hanna's election," he said. "The newspapers attach entirely too much importance to my meeting with Representative Jones of Stark county. I have nothing to say about the conference, and I do not know how Mr. Jones will vote.

"I am a candidate for no office. Mark Hanna is the Republican party's candidate for senator from Ohio, and he will be elected."

Judge Day refused absolutely to discuss the rumors about his succeeding John Sherman as secretary of state.

Springfield, Ohio, January 3.—Republicans at the home of Governor Bushnell held an indignation meeting Sunday, condemned the governor's action and engaged a special train to take a crowd of 200 to Columbus on Tuesday to boom Hanna.

The meeting was attended by Auditor Young, Probate Judge Goodwin, Prosecutor Stafford, County Chairman Beard, Sheriff Sheets, and others of equal prominence.

A band has been secured and transparencies condemning Kurtz and Bushnell are in preparation to be carried to Columbus on Tuesday. Almost all prominent Republicans of the city and county are in it, and the excitement and indignation are intense.

May Not Hold a Caucus.

Senator Hanna's friends are planning to do way with the senatorial caucus altogether, and, instead of settling the senatorial question next Wednesday night, put it off until January 12, the day for the formal election. This will give the county chairmen and voters all over the state time enough to let their representatives know what they want, and Senator Hanna has confidence they will send word to Columbus that they want him. Mr. Hanna's friends can hold the senatorial caucus or not, as they please. If the caucus is put off it will be a hard blow to Kurtz, and it is doubtful if he can hold his men together that long against the pressure in Hanna's favor that will come from all sides.

Senator Hanna's managers are getting the business men's marching clubs together all over the state, ostensibly to see Bushnell inaugurated on January 10, but the real plan is to fill Columbus with the friends of sound money and Hanna and draw the Republicans into line before they break their pledges. Mr. Hanna's chances will improve at once if the caucus is given up. Under the Ohio laws the general assembly can take only one ballot for United States senator a day for the first 10 days. After that ballots can be taken as often as desired and a quorum can elect a Senator. As a last resort the friends of Kurtz say they would bolt every day to prevent a quorum. Senator Hanna's term does not expire tomorrow and he will not have to make his campaign this week as an ex-senator. Accordingly, if the friends of Kurtz wish to reap any benefit they will not cause a deadlock, for that would only keep Mr. Hanna in his seat.

Judge Day.

Columbus, Ohio, January 3.—The name of Marcus A. Hanna may be withdrawn from the Ohio senatorial race and Judge William R. Day of Canton, assistant secretary of state and President McKinley's trusted friend, substituted for it to prevent a hopeless split among Ohio Republicans.

Friends of Senator Hanna are already sounding the feelings of the Kurtz faction to see what chance there is of getting together, and talk of Judge Day as a compromise candidate increases as the prospects of Mr. Hanna's ultimate success darken.

Day hasn't a political enemy in the state, although he has been identified with the McKinley Republicans ever since the president went into politics. Even the Foraker leaders are said to feel friendly toward him for the principal reason that he has always steered clear of factional troubles. He is even closer to the president than Senator Hanna, more as a personal friend than a politician, and it is Judge Day who on every occasion has carried the olive branch between the rival factions. When Governor Bushnell showed backwardness about appointing Mr. Hanna senator last spring Judge Day was sent by President-elect McKinley to reason with the governor. He is said to have done it so well that the governor gave in.

Senator Hanna is more grateful to Day than he is to Bushnell, and the former is about the only man on earth whom Mr. Hanna would get out of the way for. Mr. Hanna will not withdraw till he is absolutely certain that he cannot be elected, and his friends say his action will be almost wholly dictated by President McKinley. Judge Day will be a powerful lever to work on Kurtz and Bushnell, who, after all, are Republicans, and though they and their friends stoutly declare there be no compromise a good many friends of Senator Hanna think they would give in to save the party.

ENGLISHMEN BURN OLD GLORY

Outrage on the American Flag by Steamship Stewards.

New York, January 3.—The World today says that Captain William G. Rendle and Chief Officer Beckwith of the American Line steamship St. Louis, which arrived in port Saturday spent much of their time during the trip across the Atlantic investigating a story which made every American on board indignant.

The story relates to the burning of an American flag by British stewards aboard the steamship during the passage.

The investigation has been nearly completed, and it was announced aboard the St. Louis yesterday that as a result several members of the crew will be discharged from the service of the American Line Sunday. The burning of the flag occurred on Christmas day at the dinner of the stewards.

The celebration was in full swing. One of the stewards lighted a match and held it to the American flag.

"Burn it," some of the stewards are said to have shouted. Then followed a general tumult.

"The matter is still under investigation," said Second Officer Campbell. "I am sorry that the matter should become public. It was simply the act of a lot of drunken flunkeys. Action will be taken."

Judge Gary and Luetgert.

Chicago, January 3.—In the Luetgert wife murder trial today counsel for Luetgert entered a motion to take the case from the jury and release Luetgert on the ground that the brief session of New Year's day was illegal. No evidence was taken that day. The court adjourned as soon as the counsel for the defense objected to the proceeding. Judge Gary at once overruled today's motion.

College President Shot.

Jackson, Miss., January 3.—The news is just received from the Algern Agricultural and Medical College for Colored people near Rodney, Miss., that President E. G. Triplett was shot and fatally wounded by an unknown assassin last night. Triplett is sinking rapidly.

Dawes and Scott.

Washington, January 3.—Charles G. Dawes of Illinois today took charge of the office of comptroller of the currency, and N. B. Scott of West Virginia assumed the duties of commissioner of internal revenue.

Eckles' New Job.

Chicago, January 3.—James H. Eckles, ex-comptroller of the currency, began his duties today as president of the Commercial National Bank of Chicago.

Visible Supply.

Chicago, January 3.—The visible supply is as follows: Wheat 38,816,000 bushels; corn, 36,041,000; oats, 12,337,000; rye, 4,055,000; barley, 4,346,000.

THERE IS A CLASS OF PEOPLE

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-fourth as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts and 25 cts. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O

THE BRITISH LION.

It is Beginning to Roar in Chinese Waters and There May be War.

CHINESE OVERTURES TO GERMANY

Feeling Against Russia Growing Strong—Japan Ready to Join England to Fight Anybody at Any Time.

Manchester, England, January 3.—The Manchester Guardian says: "The government has categorically stated that Great Britain will refuse to recognize any special rights granted at any Chinese port to any particular power. Any port opened to one power must be opened to all or open to none. If Russia has been granted a right to winter ships at Port Arthur, Great Britain will enforce her rights to the same privileges and her ships will winter there, whether China concedes or does not concede rights."

The Guardian continues: "If Germany obtains the naval station at Kiao-Chou Great Britain insists on having the lease of ground for a naval station at the same port, and will support every other power in making the same claim. The contention of the government is that the most favored nation clause in British and all other treaties with China, forbids any special concessions of a nature contemplated by Germany at Kiao-Chou and prevents nations from acquiring special benefits in which others have not a share. The government has also declared that the same principle applies to such transactions as railway and mine monopolies. Taking the stand of treaties Great Britain refuses to acknowledge such concessions and will insist upon similar railway and mine rights and will use such force to secure or defend them as may be necessary. This declaration does not apply to concessions of territory to which existing treaties do not refer, but relative to this contingency a dispatch of Great Britain to China says when it occurs graver questions will arise. The government will then consider the manner in which British interests can best be safely guarded and the form which compensation to Great Britain for special advantages to other nations must take. It is reported that similar declarations have been delivered to the Chinese and other governments by Japan."

A Big Ship.

Hong Kong, January 3.—The British warship Powerful has arrived here. The Powerful is a first class cruiser of over 14,000 tons displacement and 25,000 horse power, with a speed of 22 knots. She carries a crew of 840 men.

China May Arbitrate.

Pekin, January 3.—The Chinese authorities spent three hours at the German legation today discussing the recall of the commandant of Tsao-Chou, charged with having used threatening language to the Germany missionary, and finally consented to summon him to Pekin for examination, also promising that he should not return to Tsao-Chou.

Temporizing.

St. Petersburg, January 3.—The Novoste publishes an article strongly urging a Russia-Japanese alliance as the best means of guaranteeing mutual interests and for the maintenance of political equilibrium. It is understood this view is favored in Russian official circles in which it is felt such an alliance would contribute to avert serious complications in the far east.

Chinese Defense Plans.

Tacoma, Wash., January 3.—The steamer Indrapura has arrived from Japan, bringing the latest advices regarding the Oriental situation. Li Hung Chang has been recalled to power at Pekin, the emperor and inner council desiring his assistance in the diplomatic crisis. Li Hung Chang recently started to his estates on account of ill health. He has now returned to Pekin and the government has taken up for serious consideration his memorial on military and naval defenses of the empire. This memorial was prepared on Earl Li's return from America and Europe, but remained pigeon holed until now.

Thousands of troops are being recruited in the interior, and it is intended to double the number of battalions in all Chinese maritime provinces within 30 days. The emperor has received 48 secret memorials regarding the defense of the empire from high military and civil officials throughout China. All China is awakening. Not even during the China Japanese war was there such united feeling for home and country as is now to be observed among both classes, educated and masses. The Orient is stirred up by telegrams from Pekin stating that beyond doubt Russia and France are actively conspiring to procure the dismissal of Sir Robert Hart, English director of imperial Chinese customs. The procedure followed resembles that pursued with reference to McLeavy Brown in Corea. It is believed Russian and French influence will prevail, as both powers are bent on procuring the dismissal of Sir Robert Hart. There will be at least a reorganization of China's customs service and equitable division of offices between the powers in proportion to the trade of each country with China.

A number of papers in Japan and Chinese maritime ports express the belief that the partition of China among the powers is inevitable. In Shanghai it is reported that France will receive Formosa from Japan as part of the territory alloted to her. Japanese papers declare part of the program to be impossible of consummation.

Captain Brueatis and other officers of the German cruiser Cormoran were recently pelted with stones and mud by a Chinese mob while landing at Wuchung in one of the cruiser's boats flying the German ensign. The officers were landing to pay a visit to Viceroy Chang Chih Tung, who, on Germany's demands, has made prompt and satisfactory apology for this insult, the apology including a salute to the German flag of 21 guns.

ON THE TRAIL

The Arch Villain of the Hollow Chest Is Hotly Pursued.

Here was the alert, energetic manner which betokens pursuit. The policeman at the door of the depot, the ticket-seller at the window, and all the rest of the attaches saw at once that she was after somebody. Behind her came a girl, lengthy of build and weary of countenance. The woman made her way to the station master's office. She rapped her umbrella on the floor, and, standing with both hands on the handle, exclaimed in a stage whisper:

"Hist!"

The station master jumped to his feet in alarm, and moved backward nervously, as she pointed her finger at him and inquired:

"Hast seen him?"

"No'm," replied the station master "I hasn't seen anybody—that is to say, I haven't seen anybody."

"Maw," said the lengthy girl, "you're getting that man confused. You ought to go at him gentle."

"Don't interfere," was the rejoinder; "if I need your assistance, I'll ask for it. I know that I'm not very good at managing my own affairs, but this is a case where I have made up my mind to try."

"All right, maw."

"Did you say that you were looking for somebody?" asked the station master.

"Yes. You must excuse me if I occasionally use some high-flown language. You see, I keep a theatrical boarding house, and I hear so much of their rehearsing that I sometimes fall into their way of speaking before I know it. We welcomed him as an honored guest, but he turned out to be a perfidious varlet, who did not pay his board, and we have reason to suspect that he will take the next train for Chicago."

"St. Louis, maw," put in the lengthy girl.

"It don't make the slightest difference. Wherever it is, we'll be left behind, the victims of a cruel destiny!"

"All right, maw."

"Have you seen the man?" inquired the woman.

"What does he look like?" returned the station master.

"He had a very prosperous appearance when he came into our lives, wearing a silk hat and a plaid ulster. Oh, what a goodly outside falsehood hath! Men were deceivers, ever. I never saw such impudence as his. He was indeed a villain with a smiling cheek!"

"There was a man with a silk hat here a few minutes ago," said the station master. "He was a slim, hollow-chested man."

"That's the one!" exclaimed the woman.

"Why maw," the girl protested; "he wasn't hollow-chested!"

"Don't interrupt! For once I won't stand being corrected by you. This time I know I'm right. I've struck a clew, and I will track him to his doom. Were you with me when we examined the trunks he left in his room; those trunks that inspired us with so much confidence?"

"No."

"Then you don't know what you are talking about. That was the hollow-chestedest man that ever come to town; and I can take anybody back to the house and prove it."

And the girl looked resignedly into the distance and murmured:

"All right, maw."—Detroit Free Press.

WHY THEY QUARRELED.

What Came of Reading the Account of a Divorce.

They had been married two months and still their honeymoon was in its zenith. "Dovey" and "lovey" and "honey" and "Bunnie" flew thick and fast between them, and the gush of Niagara was a thimbleful of water compared with the torrent of their love.

While in this blissful condition the husband read aloud to the wife one morning the details of a divorce suit that has attracted widespread attention here and throughout the state. They knew the principals in the case and were, to say the least, rather shocked at the outcome of a marriage that seemed at best as auspicious as their own.

"Now," said Mr. Noowed, by way of comment, "while my little darling and I love each other too dearly to ever think of quarreling, I'll settle the matter forever by stating right now that you are always to have your own way."

"Oh, lovey," she cooed, "the longer I know you the more I feel that I am unworthy of you. You are so grand and generous, and I am perfectly willing that you should always have your own way."

"No, dearest, you're to have your way!"

"But, sweetheart, I insist that you should have yours!"

"I demand, pet, that you have yours!"

"Dearest bubble, didn't you hear me express a desire that you should have your way?"

"And I think Mrs. Gushy Girl, that I have explicitly stated a thousand times that you should have yours!"

"Mr. Gushy Boy, you cannot be more generous than I. I reiterate what I have said; you must have your"—

"And I assure you that I won't!"

"You will!"

"I won't!"

"You will!"

"Don't lose your temper, Mrs. Gushy Girl!"

"You're a brute!"

"Stop, stop—pulling my hair! Let go!"

"Strike me! Strike me again! I'll let the world know of your brutality!"

"Tiger cat! And I used to wonder at divorces!"

Tableau.—St. Louis Republic.

Women Will Have Beards.

A German scientist is of the opinion that women will have beards some time in the remote future.—Chicago Times-Herald.

A two story residence is being built upon one of Mrs. Search's lots in Eureka. L. Stewart has bought property and will build a residence in West Eureka.

LOYAL TO WEYLER

Spanish Friends of the Butcher General Uphold His Defiant Action.

NOT AFRAID OF THE GOVERNMENT

Being a Senator a Special Vote is Necessary to Deal Out Punishment—Army Stands by Deposed General.

London, January 3.—A Madrid special says: Weyler has defied the government to proceed against him. As he is a senator a special vote will be necessary to deprive him of immunity from prosecution and the cabinet is embarrassed, as the army appears to side with Weyler in his attacks on the United States.

Opinions.

Madrid, January 3.—A number of Spanish generals have been interviewed as to Weyler's conduct in protesting against McKinley's alleged reflections on Spain in his message to congress. General Campos reserved his opinion. General Domingoiz approved the course of the government in submitting the matter to court martial, adding: "If McKinley has been guilty of insolence it is the government's place to protest." General Ochindo approved Weyler's action.

Loyal to Weyler.

Biarritz, January 3.—According to mail advices from Madrid, sent here to avoid censorship, the National, Weyler's organ, published a defiant article pointing out that although the government seized the general's protest, it could not prevent it being spread to every barrack room. The National further it appears, attacks McKinley and United States Minister Woodford in unmeasured terms.

PRESIDENT IS HOPEFUL.

He Thinks the Cuban Question Will be Settled—No Danger of Trouble with Spain.

Washington, January 3.—The president is taking occasion to assure members of congress that he does not think there is any need for action by the legislative branch of the government regarding Cuba. He told a western member two days ago that the Cuban question seemed to be working itself out; that he did not expect to advise any legislation, and that he did not think the United States should do anything at this time beyond the relief work. Upon that subject he manifested the greatest interest. He expressed the hope and the belief that the American people would respond with their accustomed generosity.

Members of congress who have seen the president within the past week have noted a feeling of strong hopefulness on his part that the war will not be of much longer duration. The president does not tell what he thinks the outcome is to be, but he shows that he believes the solution is not far off. He takes a more sanguine view than at any previous time since his inauguration. Of one thing he seems to be wholly confident, and that is that the danger of an open rupture between this government and Spain has gone by. He makes no concealment of his satisfaction that all indications point to a rapidly approaching end of the war without involving this government in serious complications.

For Pneumonia.

Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia the past month, with good results." H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Dinner to Boys.

About 15 boys were given a New Year's dinner Saturday at the home of Mrs. Newman in the 800 block on North College street. The supplies for the dinner were given by the ladies of West William street and Prairie avenue.

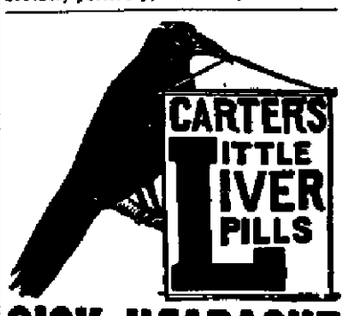
Mrs. M. B. Ford, Ruddells, Ill., suffered for eight years from dyspepsia and chronic constipation and was finally cured by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for all stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Week of prayer services are being held at the Presbyterian church each evening this week, conducted by the pastor.

Prosperity comes quickest to the man whose liver is in good condition. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are famous little pills for constipation, biliousness, indigestion and all stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Deserves Punishment.

Chicago, January 3.—Eric Parnell, a five year old colored boy, who was given whisky by Martin Pointer, the mother's brother, yesterday, died today.



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Weekly Republican.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1898.

LOCAL NEWS.

Thomas Poppard of Maroa, who owns a 160 acre farm, was adjudged insane and taken to Kankakee.

The mayor of Arcola has issued an order prohibiting the shooting of air guns and target rifles within the city limits.

The Argenta Hustler has been sold by J. F. & H. F. Mettler to George N. Dunham and Lawrence E. Evans, who took possession of the publication, business and good will January 1.

Will Foley of Lincoln will not start for the Azores in January as contemplated, but wait for a better line of steamers in March. Mr. and Mrs. Foley and daughter will probably be accompanied by Clay Sanford of Gambler, Ohio.

H. M. Bragg is no longer connected with the Decatur Review in an official capacity. He has been the vice president of the company, and for many years has looked after the advertising department. It is stated that Mr. Bragg still retains his financial interest in the paper.

The 25th marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Gaddis was delightfully celebrated Thursday at the family home, No. 1805 North Main street. The residence was crowded. There was a fine feast and many presents. Rev. W. F. Gillmore was present and made an appropriate address.

On Friday Mrs. John Sanner of Edwardsville, Ill., mother of Frank Sanner and Mrs. M. J. Ryan of this city, died at her home in Edwardsville, after an illness extending over two years. She was taken worse on Thursday and her two children were called to Edwardsville and were there when she died. Mrs. Sanner was 69 years old, and leaves five children, two daughters and three sons. She was known here, having visited her children a number of times.

Harry Warburton, son of Joseph Warburton, of Harristown, is missing. He sold a lot of corn for $1000 to T. J. Scroggins, the check being made payable to Mrs. Warburton. She endorsed the check and Harry drew the money at the Millikin bank. Now Harry cannot be located. Mrs. Warburton was in Decatur Saturday making inquiries as to the whereabouts of the young man.

J. P. Winebrenner, an employe of B. Stine Clothing Co., wishes in this public way to return very many thanks to the firm in presenting him with two very fine turkeys and all the necessary trimmings for same, one for Thanksgiving and the other for a Christmas dinner. He says he never worked for a more honorable firm in every respect than this one, and their employes are all perfect gentlemen.

Mrs Francis Watkins, widow of George Watkins, died at her home three miles east of Warrensburg on Tuesday, December 28, of consumption. The funeral services were held Thursday at the Rolling Springs church and interment was made at the Rolling Springs cemetery. Mrs. Watkins was a woman of much strength of character, and very prominent in the community in which she lived. There are four surviving children, two sons and two daughters.

The Illinois Central road has adopted a mail car device consisting of a small reflector attached to the side of the latter end of the car. Standing inside the car and looking through the door and the reflector one may see the track for a long distance ahead. The invention enables the clerks who attend to the mail catcher to look ahead to be sure there is no obstruction on the crane, and to get a clear place on which to make the delivery of the "off" sack. Clerk in Charge Grubb of the Chicago and Cairo line, says that the reflector is a great help in making safe catches and deliveries.

Taken to the Poor Farm.

Friday Court Scantz, an old man, was taken to the county poor farm. He is both old and ill and was unable to care for himself.

State Meeting.

The Illinois Veterinary, Medical and Surgical association will meet at the office of the president, Dr. S. H. Swain, on Thursday, January 6, at 1 p. m. The association will elect officers, appoint committees and will be in session on Friday

For Kidney Troubles

there is nothing better than Foley's Kidney Cure. Everyone who tries it will agree to this. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Funeral Saturday.

The funeral of Gertie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sheets, was held Saturday afternoon from the residence, one mile south of Long Creek. The burial was at the Long Creek cemetery.

Suits Filed.

In the circuit court D. W. Brenneman, by his attorneys, the Mills Bros., has commenced suit against the city of Decatur, growing out of the sale of property on East Wood street. The damages are placed at $5000

Lost.

Many have lost confidence and hope as well as health, because they have been told their Kidney disease was incurable. Foley's Kidney Cure is a guaranteed remedy for the discouraged and disconsolate. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A Model Postoffice.

Mrs. Minerva Davidson has the post office at Mt. Zion in excellent shape, making radical changes in the old order of things. The patrons are loud in their praise of Mrs. Davidson and her management.

Died.

At the family home, 511 East North street, at 6 a. m., January 1, of stomach trouble, Mrs. Mattie Davis, aged 55 years.

At the family home in Long Creek township at 2 p. m., January 1, of diphtheria, Gertie Sheets, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sheets, aged 12 years.

WAS FOUND INSANE.

John Russell, Charged with Assault to Kill, Must Go to Kankakee.

WAS TRIED IN COUNTY COURT

This Morning and the Jury Returned a Verdict of Insanity — Other Cases in the Courts.

From the Daily of Friday.

John Russell, against whom there were several charges of assault, was tried in the county court this morning and found insane. Russell was charged with assault with a deadly weapon on Roy Troutman, assault on a man named Mason and was also charged with disorderly conduct and drunkenness. He is the man who stabbed Roy Troutman in a saloon fight about a week ago. He was said to be drunk at the time and fought hard when the officers arrested him.

Attorney Nay Hoggess appeared to defend Russell and A. H. Mills prosecuted the case. Troutman and others testified for the prosecution in regard to Russell's fight and Officer Bailey, Deputy Sam Stabler and the defendants's sister, Mrs. Fleming, testified in regard to Russell's peculiar actions. Dr. A. F. Wilhelmy testified that he had made an examination of Russell and that he believed him to be insane. The attorney for the defense did not attempt to deny Russell's crimes but contended that he was insane and was not responsible for his actions.

The jury went out about 10 o clock and returned in a short time. Their verdict was that Russell was guilty of the charges but that he was insane at the time of the fight and also at the present time and was not responsible. The court ordered that Russell be taken to Kankakee. The following are the jurymen before whom the case was tried: David Hoff, John S. Jones, J. M. Patterson, John H. Logan, Edward Hale, Edward Morris, Cyrus Morris, Alva Mickem, William Layton, Daniel Ryan, Willis Johnson, Jr. and W H. Foster.

Wants a Divorce.

In the office of the circuit clerk today Emma Carr filed a bill for a divorce from her husband, Hiram Carr. The bill states that the couple were married January 30, 1893, and that Mrs. Carr lived with her husband until March 14, 1897, when she was driven from the house. She alleges that her husband was addicted to the excessive use of liquor and made her home intolerable. She also states that they have been separated and her husband has met her on the street while she was going from work and threatened to kill her. She asks that she be allowed to resume her maiden name, Emma V. Perkins.

Obituary.

The following is an obituary notice of the late Frank Miller:

Frank Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller, one mile north of the city, died Sunday night, December 26, at 9:30 o'clock, aged 28 years, 11 months and 18 days, after an illness of several months' duration, attended with intense suffering. Frank was born in Cerro Gordo, Piatt county, this state, January 18, 1869. About two years ago, acting under the advice of his physician, he visited Kentucky and Georgia and Pennsylvania. In the latter state he spent nearly two years in York. During his stay there his grandfather died. In the year 1893 he united with the First Baptist church of this city, being baptized by Rev. D. D. Kennard. While he was in York, Pa., he united with the Church of God in that city, and upon his return he became a member of the Church of God in this city. In 1891 he became a member of the S. of V., Col. I. C. Pugh camp, U. S. A., No. 14. During this year he commenced to work at the furniture factory of this city, where he worked for three years. Frank was sincerely devoted to his church, family and friends. He is survived by his parents, seven sisters and three brothers. Minnie, Clara, Charlie, Lillie, Ida, Harry, Clarence, Maude, Irene. Lulu and Eddie, who died at the age of three years. The funeral services were conducted at the Church of God by Rev. J. Bernard, assisted by Rev. J. T. Finley.

A Christmas Dinner at Macon.

The Republican Stroller struck all kinds of good luck Christmas day. Some where near the noon hour he landed in Macon, which everybody knows is one of the best towns in the universe and the home of brave men and pretty girls. Mr. Cram, of the Record, was on hand and extended a large and fervent invitation to a Christmas dinner which was to be pulled off at high noon under his hospitable roof. Now if there is one thing more than another which appeals to the Stroller's inner consciousness it is a first class feed or the prospect of one. He hesitated, and was lost. In the dining room Mrs. Cram and her assistants heaped the table with good things until the groaning of the table could be heard in the next room. A sort of Christmas good cheer pervaded the atmosphere and a delinquent subscriber, who had dropped in to scan the exchanges caught the odor from the kitchen and was so affected that before he could rally had planked down two silver dollars for back dues. When the dinner call sounded the Stroller was among the first in the bresch and nobly maintained his reputation. All the good things of the season were on the table, but in the course of an hour he been transferred to other surroundings. It was an enjoyable occasion and will long be remembered. Among those present were the following: Mrs. Wm. Dunkle, Misses Leona Cezalet, Florence May, Fannie L. Morris, Leona Draper, and Messrs. Charles H. Wells, Daniel E. Tait of Decatur, C. W. Cram and last, but not least, the Republican Stroller.

Sales of Real Estate.

John B. Matthews to Andrew Hall, lots 4 and 5 in block 4 of J. Selberling's addition to Blue Mound; $400.

B. F. Culp to John B. Mathews, quit claim deed to lots 4 and 5 in block 4 in J. Selberling's addition to Blue Mound; $140.

Isaac F. McQuality to George McQuality, et al, lots 11 and 12 of block 33, in Railroad addition to Macon; $1.

Mary Fuehrer to I. F. McQuality, lots 11 and 12 of block 33 in Railroad addition to Macon; $300.

William M. Catto to Ancil C. Stevens, lot 4 in block 4, Syndicate addition to Decatur; $600.

Ancil C. Stevens to Harry L. Oldham, lot 22 in block 4 of H. A. Wood's West Park addition to Decatur; $800.

Jasper Young to Albert G. Webber, his right in the northeast quarter of 11, 16, 3 east; also a tract of 20 acres in the north half of lot 2 in the northwest quarter of 19, 16, 4 east; $1000.

Stella Gadden Alexander to Julius Hamilton, lots 4 and 5 in blocks 3 of Forest Hill addition to Decatur; $4000.

Squire E. Gradner to Robert Berry Ennis, the north half of 19, 17, 3 east; $21 847.95.

Jerusha C. Bryan to David A. Bryan, quit claim deed to lot 3 in block 2 of J. K. Warren & Co.'s ninth addition to Decatur; also lot 4 in block 3 of George F. Wessel's addition to Decatur; $1.

Everett J. Brown to Rebecca B. Brown, all of lot 8 and six and two-tenths feet off west side of lot 9 in block 2 of Southwestern addition to Decatur; $1

B. M. Brookshier of James A. Stephenson, lot 12 in block 3 of Leforgee and Patterson's addition to Decatur; $500.

William A. Hise to James J. Mackey, lot 17 of William H. Beggs' addition to Decatur; $3200.

Marriage Licenses.

Carl George Helby, Milwaukee, 24.
Grace Hortense Lytle, Decatur, 19.

Charles S. Carr, Bearsdale, 24.
Bertha C. Butt, Bearsdale, 22.

David S. Anderson, Maroa, 30.
Allie Pearl Stubblefield, Maroa, 22.

G. Howard Wilson, Dalton City, 26.
Jessie L. Ferguson, Christian county, 23.

Allen D. Avery, Prairie Hall, 40.
Myrtle Steele, Milam township, 30.

W. T. Wree, Niantic, 19.
Cora Beck, Niantic, 19.

Alexander Widdows, Blue Mound, 28.
Ellen E. Pitzer, Blue Mound, 25.

Hasker H. Hooper, Long Creek, 21.
Jessie R. Darling, Decatur, 19.

Joseph Edgill, Morgansville, 28.
Anna Belle Clark, Blue Mound, 25.

D. S. Fisher Assumption, 24.
Ida Sidener, Assumption, 21.

At the Poor Farm.

There are now 42 inmates at the county poor farm. During the past year 37 have been received, 28 discharged and five have died. Of those now at the farm 11 are insane During the year there has been an increase of 40 head of hogs and 14 calves. Fourteen head of cattle have been sold. There has been produced 1654 bushels of oats, 2500 bushels of corn, 325 bushels of potatoes, 80 tons of hay and many bushels of various kinds of vegetables. The cost of keeping the inmates the past year has been 60 cents a week per capita. The Macon county poor farm has less inmates than most any county in the state and all of those now on hand belong to the county. Steward Borley says that if the county would purchase more land it would be money well expended as there is not as much land now as there should be to raise the necessary amount of live stock and produce.

May Catch the Forger.

It is possible that the man who passed a forged check on Bachman Bros. and Martin Co. will be captured. Several days ago a man came into the store and bought a rocking chair. He gave a check for $9 as payment and received $5.50 change. The check was on the First National Bank of Decatur and was signed J. A. Wilson & Son. When the check went through the bank clearings it was found that there was no such firm. There is a J. A Wilson, but the name on the check was a forgery and the check was worthless. The chair was sent to a Miss Smith living on Central avenue, and she supposed that she was receiving a Christmas present from some of her friends.

Social Function at Blue Mound.

The social and musicale given Thursday afternoon at Blue Mound by Mrs. Joseph Miller in honor of her accomplished niece, Miss Goodwin of Chillicothe, Ohio, attracted a large company of neighbors and friends. The hours were from 2 to 4, 3 to 5 and 4 to 6. Mrs Miller was assisted in the entertaining of the 150 guests by her daughter, Mrs. George E. Miller of Decatur, and Miss Trenna Miller and Miss Pearl Miller. There was a very entertaining program of musical selections observed. The souvenirs were gold-edged cards, with satin ribbon bows. Delicious refreshments were served.

Family Reunion.

At their home near Emery Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lyman gave a dinner party to the members of their family to celebrate the seventeenth anniversary of their marriage. The guests included C. W. Wykoff and family of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. L. Wykoff, R. P., J. E. and W. A. Wykoff and families and Fred Wykoff, all of near Maroa Mr. and Mrs. Lyman were married 17 years ago at the home of Mrs. Lyman's parents, L. Wykoff and wife, near Maroa.

Death of Miss Bertha Bear.

Miss Bertha Bear, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bear, died of heart trouble at 9 p. m. Sunday, at the family residence on South Moffit street, aged 20 years.

Married.

By Judge Hammer at his office, on December 30, D. S. Fisher and Miss Ida Sidener, both of Assumption.

YEAR'S FATALITIES.

Inquests Held by Coroner Bendure During the Past Twelve Months.

THE NUMBER WAS FORTY-SIX

More Than Ever Before Held in One Year — Deaths from Many Causes—At the County Jail.

From the Daily of Friday.

During the year of 1897 Coroner Bendure has held 46 inquests, the greatest number ever before held in Macon county in one year. The number is an increase of six over the year of 1896. One peculiar feature of the deaths of the year which required an inquest is that there were none which were surrounded with mystery. The year before there were quite a number of cases of that nature. There were not so many accidental drownings in the river the past year as usual. The number of suicides have neither increased nor diminished, there being six in 1897 and the same number the year before. There were a number of unusual accidents and a large number of persons were found by the coroner's juries to have died of natural causes. The table below show the causes of the different accidental and sudden deaths:

Natural causes	12
Killed on railroads	10
Suicide	6
Heart disease	4
Apoplexy	2
Accidental drowning	2
Overcome by heat	2
Burned	1
Killed by lightning	1
Killed by electricity	1
Strangulation	1
Various accidents	4
Total	46

Those who died from heart disease and the date of the inquests were as follows: Sarah J. Cole, April 18; Rose Mellinger, August 29; Mary E. Cromwell, November 29; Charles Thomm, December 20. Those who died of apoplexy were William Ellis, August 16, and Jerome R. Gorin, September 2.

Verdicts of death by natural causes were found by the juries in the inquests held at the deaths of the following: Mayo Carter, January 29; James S. Lowery, February 27; Robert B. Mitchell, March 19; Marie Martha Shultz, March 15; Mrs. Agnes Sherrer, March 19; Dorwin H. Greer, June 17; Otto Gollin, July 7; James McCormick, July 17; Henry M. Kreidler, September 8; Lizzie Elerick, September 10; Allen Scott, October 6; Charles Salogga, November 30.

Killed on Railroads.

The following are the persons who were accidentally killed by the railroads during the year:

Newton Herring, January 19, run over by box cars in east end of Wabash yards.

A. W. Howard, March 10, accidentally struck while on duty by train No. 10 of the Wabash.

Frank Yondorf, March 30, crushed between two cars on the Illinois Central right of way.

Joseph Vasel, March 29, killed while getting off a freight train at Boody.

U. C. Reed, May 17, fell off a Wabash train and was thrown under the wheels and killed.

Fred Middlesworth, May 30, killed by a Wabash switch engine in east end of Decatur yards.

Albert Holzelnick, June 10, killed while trying to board a moving I. D. & W. switch engine.

Henry Hunsley and Roy Hunsley, October 22, both killed at the same time while driving over the Wabash crossing at North Monroe street.

Edward Sallogga, October 25, killed by falling under Illinois Central train while trying to get on the caboose.

Suicides.

The suicides for the year were as follows:

John E. Zimmer, May 6, committed suicide by drowning in the Sangamon river.

F. D. Bromley, July 13, hanged himself while temporarily insane.

Charles Bartholomew, August 17, committed suicide by taking carbolic acid.

Alberta Davis, October 23, threw herself in front of I. D. & W. train near Antioch.

Leonce M. Bowlby, October 31, death caused by shot from a pistol fired with suicidal intent.

Richard M. Tolliday, November 8, shot himself at the old Scudder place east of the city.

Accidentally Drowned.

Two persons were drowned accidentally. One was George Rife, August 1, and the other was George Davis, who was drowned July 31.

Those who died from the excessive heat were Max Zudgwitz, on July 11, and J. D. Shirey, who was overcome by the heat in C. W. Frew's wagon shop on July 10.

Accidental Deaths.

The persons who were killed by accidents of various kinds were as follows:

Uriah Edgecomb, January 18, kicked and killed by a horse at his farm north of the city.

Unknown man, supposed to be G. W. Leggett, March 13, died of broken neck, caused by falling from a railroad bridge, supposed to be accidental.

Monroe Eaton, July 10, killed by a stroke of lightning while in his barn.

John Schueller, October 15, died of burns received while lying in an epileptic fit close to the Wabash tracks near Boody.

Carlton E. Given, September 27, killed at his residence by a current of electricity present in the house on account of a defective transformer.

John Sears, October 28, accidentally fell from a telephone pole on East Main street, sustaining fatal injuries.

Henry Dillner, November 16, crushed and killed by falling dirt at Bundy gravel bank.

Infant child of Jennie Elkins, December 21, accidentally strangled while sleeping in bed.

Burials at Greenwood Cemetery.

During the past year there has been 234 bodies buried at Greenwood cemetery. Of this number 24 were buried during December, which was the biggest month of the year. There were a number of other deaths in the city during the year, but the burials were at other cemeteries.

ACCIDENTS.

Horse Fell on Roy Ray and Injured Him—Mrs. Depew Broke Her Leg Last Night.

From the Daily of Friday.

Roy Ray, a carrier of the Republican and Review, met with a bad accident this morning. He carries papers on horse back and this morning while carrying for the Review in the west part of the city the horse slipped and fell on Ray's left leg. The boy was badly hurt and could not get up. Two men, who were driving past, found Ray and took him in a buggy to the residence of Mrs. G. R. Steele. The boy's father, S. F. Ray, was sent for and took Roy to his home at 1307 North Church street. Dr. Cass Chenoweth was called to attend him. The leg was sprained and badly swelled, but no bones were broken. The boy will be laid up for some time.

Fear Blood Poisoning.

Lester Davidson was injured in a peculiar manner several days ago. He had a nail in his mouth when another boy playfully struck him in the face, causing the nail to penetrate the flesh of the face. He is now suffering greatly from the accident and it is feared that blood poisoning will set in.

Broke Her Leg.

Mrs. H. C. Depew met with an accident last night at her home, 758 North Union street. She fell and broke her leg and as a result will be confined to her home for some time. Dr. Charles M. Wood was called to attend her.

ILLINOIS RAILROADS.

What the Report of the Railroad Commission Will Show.

From the advance sheets of the 37th annual report of the Illinois railroad and warehouse commission covering the period from June 30, 1896, to June 30, 1897, the following figures are gleaned:

The passenger and freight traffic table shows the number of passengers, earning revenue, to be 76,916,381; number of tons of freight carried, 64,395,65; gross earnings from operating, per mile of railroad, $6656; expenses per mile, $4394; net earnings per mile, $2262.

The operating expenses of all the railroads in the state was $50,245,338; expenditures, consisting of the operating expenses and fixed charges, $74,294,390; total earnings and income, railroads in the state $81,108,123. The total income of lines operating through Illinois was $121,211,766; capital of roads in Illinois, $9,725,415.188.

The number of miles of main and branch lines, steel rails, is 10,095.09; number of miles, main and branch lines, iron rails, 322.77; tons of new rail laid during the year, $67,515.08; number of ties laid during year, 4,700,915. Number of stations in the state, 2729.

The length of fence on railroad property is 1372.09 miles; miles of stone ballast, 4861.25. Total number of employes and passengers killed during the year, 677; injured, 2081.

The salaries of employes amounted to $39,558,561.50. The taxes paid by the roads of the state during year was $4,554,050.77.

It Was a Grand Affair.

The wedding of Dr. G. Howard Wilson of Dalton City and Miss Jessie L. Ferguson of Niantic, which occurred at the St. Nicholas parlors on last Tuesday (December 28), was to have been a quiet one, but proved to be a grand affair by quite a number of unexpected guests taking them by surprise, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and Miss Alice Wilson of Sidling Hill, Pa., parents and sister of the groom, being present, also friends from Ohio, Montana, Indiana, California and Texas. In the evening a reception was tendered the bride and groom at their newly furnished residence in Dalton City. The bride is an only child of Mr. and Mrs J. F. Ferguson, well to do people of Niantic, and has a host of friends who will mourn her loss. The groom is a graduate of Lebanon (Ohio) and Chicago Rush Colleges in the post graduate course. The young people received a large number of costly presents.

Births.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Maxon, 1309 North Main street, December 30, a daughter.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Showers, East Main street, December 30, a son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Van Allen, at their home east of the city, December 29, a daughter.

Filed His Bond.

J. R. Morganstine, collector for Pleasant View township, Wednesday, in the office of the circuit clerk filed a bond in the sum of $25,000.42. The sureties were J. M. Brown, Emery Bradley, W. H. Hensbie and J. A. Armstrong.

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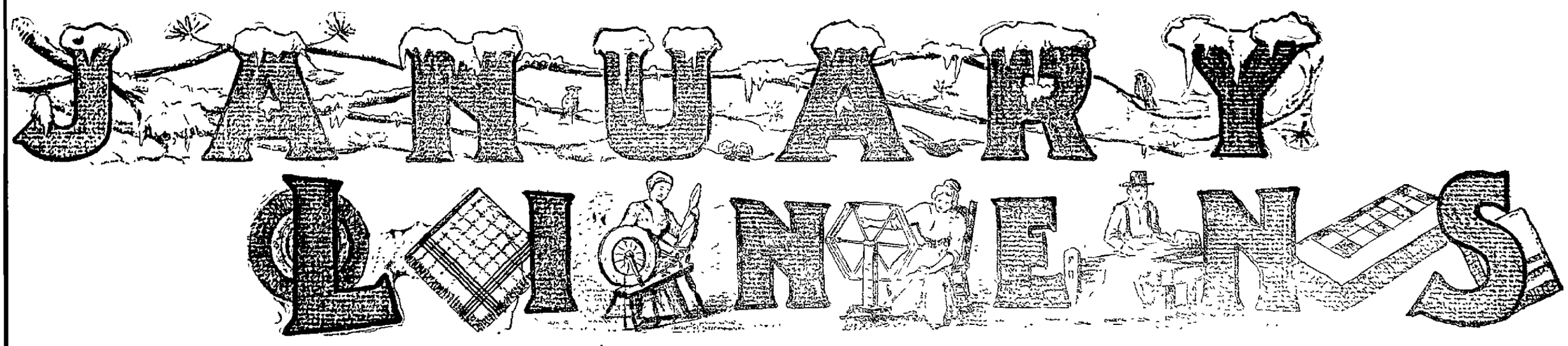

Honest Linens---Satisfactory Linens---the sort of Linens, by the way, that we've sold to you and your mother, and perhaps your mother's mother--the kind that materially helped to build our good reputation during a quarter of a century of reliable rliable retailing. Linens from Ireland--Linens from France--Linens from Germany--Linens from Austria--Linens from England--Linens from EVERYWHERE where GOOD Linens are made.

That tariff bill that Congress passed last fall has more effect on Linen prices than anything that's happened for a goodly number of years---but our orders were all placed before prices began to climb---and we've been storing away our Linen Bargains for many months waiting for this great annual event---occurring just as regularly as the new year rolls around.

We'll be all ready for you with MORE LINENS and BETTER LINENS than you'll be able to find hereabouts. We intend to make this the greatest of all our Great January Sales and especially invite your attendance at Decatur's Biggest Linen Show. Save this advertisement---bring it with you as a money saving catalogue to direct you in your Linen Buying.

36-inch Fine

UNBLEACHED SHEETING,

finest quality—sells at 5c. For this week

3½c yd

3 Bales of Fine Unbleached

SHIRTING MUSLIN,

—the 7c kind. For this week

4⅞c yd

1 Case of Fine 36-inch

BLEACHED MUSLIN,

fine quality—no dressing. For this week

3⅞c yd

Table Damasks.

58-inch Bleached Table Damasks—new assortment of patterns—at

25c yard

72 inch Loom Damask—12 patterns You always pay 60c yard for such goods. For the January Linen Sale

39c yard.

60, 66 and 72-inch Loom Damask—extra weights, 30 styles. No such Linens ever offered under 75c yard, January Sale

49c yard

68 and 72-inch Bleached and Loom Damask—Irish and German manufacture. Costs 85c to import January Linen Sale

69c yard

72-inch Finest Satin Table Damask—Irish, Scotch and German—30 patterns. Some of them are worth $1,50 yard. Choice of lot for this sale

$1.00 yard

All of our Fine 72-inch Satin Damask of French, Irish, Scotch and German manufacture—worth in a regular way up to $1.75 yard—will be offered at this sale for

$1.25 yard

Turkey Red Damask.

10 pieces of Turkey Red Table Damask at

12½c yard

25 Pieces of Fine 58-inch Turkey Red Table Damask—warranted fast color. Sells everywhere at 35c. For the January Sale

22½c yard

Fancy Colored Table Damask—Buff, Green, Blue, etc.—worth 50c yard—at

35c yard

Pattern Cloths.

Our Import Order for Pattern Cloths was the largest that we ever gave and despite the rising prices under tariff revisions, we bought them at surprisingly low figures.

8-10, 8-12 and 8-14 Fine Pattern Cloths—a beautiful collection of handsome, new patters—worth up to $4.98. For the January Linen Sale—choice

$3.49

Our line of 8-10 and 8-12 Cloths can not be duplicated for $4.50. Our price—as long as they last—will be

$2.49

50 Pattern Cloths in 8-4 and 8-10 Fine Satin Damask. You would expect to pay $3 00 for these, but we offer you choice for

$1.98

Fringed Cloths.

One lot of Fine 8-4 Colored Border Cloths—Fine Satin Damask—not very many in the lot—will be sold at

59c

One lot of Genuine Imported Austrian Fringed Cloths—all white—2, 2½ and 3 yards long—worth $2.00. Will be offered at

$1.19

Hemstitched Cloths.

We have about 15 Hemstitched Cloths—with no Napkins to match. Some are extra fine and worth up to $12.00. We want to close them out and offer the entire collection at two low prices

$5.98 and $3.98

Towels.

One big lot of Check Towels—soft finish—no dressing—at

2½c each

One lot of 50 dozen Persian Bath Towels—large size—a decided bargain—at

5c each

50 dozen Fine Turkish Towels—fast edge, double pile—sell every day at 18c. We will sell this lot at

12½c each

100 dozen Fine Linen Huck Towels—hemmed or fringed—ready to use. Usually sell at 15c. While they last

10c each

200 dozen Fine Towels—Huck, Momie and Satin Damask—very large sizes—hemmed, stitched or fringed. None of them worth less than 22½c. Your choice

18c each

We have 50 dozen of the Webb Grass Bleached Towels. Can not be imported for less than $4.50 a dozen, yet we bought these so that we can offer them at the extremely low price of

25c each

Toweling.

3 Cases of 18-inch Toweling—Huck, Twilled and Momie—all will be sold at

2⅞c yard

1 Bale of Stevens All Linen Crash Toweling is offered at

4⅞c yard

18-inch Bleached Scotch Toweling—warranted all pure Linen. Can not be replaced for 13c yard. January Linen Sale

10c yard

Napkins.

1 lot of Fine Dinner Napkins—all ¾ sizes—about 100 dozen of three different lines and worth up to $2.25 dozen. For the January Sale you may pick your choice at

$1.49 dozen

We made a very fortunate purchase of 200 Fine Damask Napkins. All are full ¾ size and are worth in a regular way up to $1 00 dozen. While they last, your choice for

$2.98 dozen

Linen Sheets and Pillow Cases.

Hemstitched Pillow Cases—fine Linen—size 45x36 inches

49c each

Double Spoke Hemstitched Cases—all hand work—fine Belgian Linen—at

75c each

Hemstitched Sheets—extra weight Linen, 90 inches square—a bargain at

$2.49 each

Linen Sheets—Hand Hemstitched—largest size, fine Linen

$3.25 dozen

Lunch Cloths.

Plain Hemstitched Lunch Cloths—45 inches square—at

98c each

Fine Belgian Art Linen Lunch Cloths—hand hemstitched—very fine, at

$1.98 each

1 Case of Fine 36-inch

BLEACHED MUSLIN,

Looks like Fine Cambric. It's equal was never before offered at

4⅞c yd

5 pieces of 9-4

UNBLEACHED SHEETING,

2¼ yards wide. For this week

11c yd

One lot of

Check Towels

---soft finish---no dressing. For this week

2½c each

OUR SEMI-ANNUAL PRE-INVENTORY CLEARANCE SALE

In all departments, BEGAN at 8 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING. You all know what this sale means. YOU KNOW THAT IT HAS NO PARALLEL IN ALL DECATUR WHEN IT COMES TO A QUESTION OF GENUINE BARGAIN GIVING. It's just one month before we take our Winter Inventory and if low prices will do the work our great stock will be reduced about 25 per cent. previous to that time.

: : : : : Watch for the Red Price Tickets in Every Department : : : : :

Half Price Pre-inventory Clearance of

DRESS GOODS.

The Choicest and Best Fabrics.

Monday begins that long looked for Clearance in the Dress Goods Section—that regularly recurring occasion anticipated and waited for by bargain seekers all over Central Illinois Full lengths—short lengths—all pushed forward at half and less than half regular rates

Medium and Dark Novelties—suitable for winter and early spring wear—worth up to 50c yard, to close at

25c yard

Light and Medium Colored Fancies—suitable for early spring wear—in All Wool and Silk and Wool worth up to $1 00, to close at

50c yard

Medium and Dark Colored Suitings—handsome Silk and Wool effects—all this season's goods—worth up to $1 75 yard, to close at

75c yard

52 inch Broadcloths—Navy, Brown Cerise and Plum—worth $1.00 yard, to close at **75c yard**

52 inch Broadcloths, fine French goods, sold early in the season at $1.39 yard, to close at **98c yard**

Handsome Plaids in new designs—only a few left—35c quality for 25c; 50c quality for 39c, $1 00 quality for

65c yard

100 yards of Black and White Plaids, Stripes and Checks These are exceptionally fine cloths and sold all season for 75c and $1 00 yard, to close at

39c yard

700 yards of Black Albatross 40 to 46 inches wide. This is one of our best offerings in dress goods and worth 75c yard. To close at

25c yard

OVER ONE THOUSAND REMNANTS.

1½ to 7 yards long—Black and Colors—Plain and Fancy—Plaids and Stripes—Skirt Lengths—Waist Lengths—Dress Lengths—all to be put on The Bargain Square early Monday morning and marked LESS THAN HALF PRICE

CALICOES 3½c yd.

One case of Dark Calicoes in turkey red, indigo blue and black figures, all new printing, while this case lasts ..... **3½c yd**

300 pieces of Apron Gingham, staple and fancy checks, fast colors, the 5c kind, at ..... **2⅞c yd**

15 pieces of Outing Flannel, light and dark, at ..... **3⅞c yd**

24 pieces of Drapery, all the new patterns, worth 10c yard, for ..... **5⅞c yd**

One case of the White Shaker Flannel, soft finish, sells in a regular way at 7c yard, for ..... **2⅞c yd**

Fine French Flannels, stripes and fancies, worth 40c yard, will go at....25c yd

All of our fancy Eiderdowns will be placed on the South Bargain Square and sold regardless of values. 50c, 60c and 75c Eiderdowns for..39c yd

ANNUAL CLEARANCE---CLOAK SECTION.

Monday morning will mark the beginning of a period of low price selling of High Grade, Fashionable Cloaks, Furs, Dressing Sacques, Skirts, Wrappers, etc., for Ladies, Misses and Children, the like of which has positively never before been known in Decatur's dry goods history. Other stores may quote prices that are APPARENTLY greater price-lowerings but we prefer to advertise facts.

WE DON'T EXAGGERATE A PENNY'S WORTH.

Cloak Reductions.....

$25.00 Jackets, reduced to.....	$10.00
$16.50 Jackets, reduced to.....	7.49
$12.00 Jackets, reduced to.....	4.98
$6.00 Jackets, reduced to.....	1.98
$12 50 Capes, reduced to.....	7.49
$7.50 Capes reduced to.....	3.75
$6.50 Capes, reduced to.....	2.98

Fur Reductions.....

$6 00 Collarettes reduced to.....	$3.49
$5.00 Children's sets reduced to.....	1.98
$2 00 Muffs reduced to	98c

Wrapper Reductions.....

$6.00 Wrappers, reduced to.....	$2.98
$3 98 Wrappers, reduced to.....	1.98
$1.49 Wrappers, reduced to.....	95c

DRESSING SACQUES REDUCED.

98c Flannel Dressing Sacques reduced to.....49c

LINN AND SCRUGGS

DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

Half Price Pre-inventory Clearance of

UNDERWEAR

For Men, Women and Children.

Underwear prices halved—right now is the best underwear weather that we've had. Inventory time makes a clearance absolutely imperative and you'll find prices at The Big Store this week such as you may look for elsewhere next month.

Men's Heavy Random Shirts and Drawers—all sizes—on sale elsewhere at 39c. Clearance Sale

19c

One lot of about 10 dozen Men's Extra Heavy Natural Grey Fleeced Lined Shirts—actually a bargain at 49c Clearance Sale

25c

Men's Heavy Cotton Flannel Drawers—all sizes—the 49c kind

25c

Men's Heavy Camel's Hair Shirts and Drawers—self fronts—French Collaretto ribbed cuff and tail, pearl buttons, worth 75c measured by any one's standard. Clearance Sale

49c

Men's Fine Extra Fleeced Natural Grey Lamb's Wool Shirts and Drawers—the the $1 25 sort. Clearance sale

98c

Women's Wool Mixed Vests—sizes 3 and 4—our 75c garment. Clearance Sale

39c

Women's Black Wool Union Suits—the kind that sold for $1.75. Clearance Sale

$1 15

Women's $2 50 Black Wool Equestriene Tights. Clearance Sale

$1 58

Women's $3.00 Black Wool Union Suits. Clearance Sale

$1 98

In Children's Underwear—Union Suits and separate garments—we have a great assortment of broken sizes that we will clear out regardless of values. For instance children's union suits, worth twice as much at 19 and

15c

Two lots of children's shirts and pants, sizes from 18 to 28, to be closed out at 14c and **9c**

BLANKETS---32c pair.

Two cases of lamb fleece blankets full, 10-4 size—like are advertised elsewhere at 50c, will be sold at..... **32c pair**

100 pairs of Fine Russian Fleece blankets—white, tan and sanitary, heavy twilled, sold at $1.50, at..... **98c pair**

25 pairs of fine all wool blankets, white and grey, sold at $3 25, to close, at..... **$2 89 pair**

18 pairs of finest California white blankets, 11-4, 12-4 and 13-4, no such blankets ever shown before in this section. Worth $10, $11 and $12 50, while they last your choice for..... **$7.68 pair**

Five bales of bed comforts, good calico covering, advertised elsewhere at 89c, will be sold at ..... **68c pair**

Satine covered bed comforts, white cotton filled, sold everywhere at $2. To close out at..... **$1.98**

One lot of fine Eiderdown comforts, best French satine covering

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